



APPELLATION
AOC TOURAINE

COLOR
RED WINE

VINTAGE
2023

FARMING
ORGANIC

VINE AGE
15-40 YEARS

VARIETAL
100% GAMAY

ALCOHOL
13%

SOIL
CLAY, SAND AND FLINT

FERMENTATION
SEMI-CARBONIC MACERATION OF 10 DAYS.
FERMENTED WITH NATURAL YEASTS.

AGING
6 MONTHS IN TANK.
FILTERED. UNFINED.

SO2
20 MG/L

AGING POTENTIAL
3-4 YEARS

CASES PRODUCED
1 300 CASES

DOMAINE DE LA PIFFAUDIERE

GAMAY

THE STORY

Olivier Bellanger grew up in Monthou sur Cher, a scant hour east of Tours in the center Loire. He obtained his agricultural diploma in 2000, and spent the next 8 years working for various domaines in the Loire, notably Philippe Tessier. In 2008 he got the opportunity to buy 6 hectares of vineyards in Thesée near his native village. He immediately converted them to organic farming.

The land was affordable partly because there were no associated buildings, so it was only later that he secured a cellar. He vinifies in a friend's winery where he rents space. He now farms about 10 hectares, and sells some fruit to other wineries to keep his cash flow reasonable. He is committed to local grapes and deplores the regulations that reward ripping up old vine native varieties that are not in fashion, or not allowed in the regional appellation.

His own wines of course are a real labor of love. He's still fine-tuning his blends and adapting to vintage conditions. The results are always exciting and convincing. And delicious.

