



DOMAINE 7 PLUME

This is an unusual Cab Franc as it comes from an old vine schist vineyard on the top of a hill. There is a lot of Cab Franc on clay soils in the Loire where the wines can be fuller and riper but hardly any on schist (which you normally see planted with Chenin). Abel's plume is light as a feather (hence the name 'Plume' which means 'feather' in French) but it also has a remarkable depth of flavour. This is serious cab franc but with enough juiciness to enjoy slightly chilled. Abel is selling some of the fruit from this vineyard to Domaine Helicon, who have recently gone full on unicorn grower.

GENERAL INFO

Country: France

Region: Loire Valley

Sub Region: Anjou

Village: Martigné-Briand

Grapes: Cabernet Franc

Vintage: 2020

Style: Light/Medium Red

Closure: Natural Cork

Vegan Friendly: Yes

VINEYARD

Farming: Organic

Exposition: east-south east

Soils: Schist

Area: 1.4 hectares

Vine Age: 50+ year old

WINEMAKING

Spontaneous fermentation, hand harvested,

Vessels: 11.5 months in fiberglass tank

Malolactic: Yes

Fining: No

Filtration: No

SO2: 2mg/l added at bottling

NOTES FROM ABEL THE WINEMAKER

The 2020 Plume has been particularly special because the late Harvest (October) was cold, and it has been like a kind of cold pre-fermentation. The maceration was 16-17 days long without touching the grapes, followed by a very gentle press which took around 20 hours.

TECH SHEET

