



2011 Thierry Germain – Domaine des Roches Neuves Saumur Champigny Franc de Pied

A Cabernet Franc Dry Red Table wine from France, Saumur Champigny, Saumur, Loire, France

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Rating: 92

Drink 2014 - 2022

Cost:

The low-yielding (35 hl/ha), late-harvested 2011 Saumur Champigny Franc de Pied comes from a high-density planting of 10,000 ungrafted, biodynamically farmed Cabernet Franc vines per hectare rooting in calcareous sandy/loamy soils. Made from whole bunches that were fermented spontaneously in concrete and in oval wooden barrels, the wine shows a dark cherry color with purple reflections and reveals a deep, noble, well-balanced chalky bouquet of ripe dark berries, raspberries, cherries, coffee and a dash of citrus. This lovely concentrated, medium-bodied, neither fined nor filtered Saumur Champigny is intense, very well-balanced, elegant and fresh. It has aromatic, juicy-meaty fruit with an animating dash of limes on the palate as well as ripe and refined tannins. Already accessible, you can also store it for another four or 14 years. According to the website, Thierry Germain wants to create "great Cabernet wines, faithful to their soils – fine, long, fresh, vivid, dynamic, and greedy." Importer(s): Jon-David Headrick Selections, 33 Meadow Rd, Suite 200, Asheville, NC 28803, (828) 252-8245, www.jondavidwine.com+Importer(s): Vin sur Vin Diffusion, Kopenicker Strasse 18-20, D-10997 Berlin, Germany, +49 30 695 199 20, www.weine-visentin.de+Importer(s): Vos Selections, 555 Eighth Avenue Suite 1209 NY, 10018 New York, <http://www.vosselections.com/>+Importer(s): Weinhandlung Kreis, Boheimstraße 43 D-70199 Stuttgart Germany, +49 711 762839, <http://www.wein-kreis.de/>
