

# HAWKSHEAD WINES

## DOMAINE DES BAUMARD, LOIRE VALLEY



Florent Baumard in the Clos du Papillon vineyard.

It has been almost two years since we first imported wines from Domaine des Baumard, one of the best producers in the Loire valley. Though renowned for his dry Savennières and sweet Quarts de Chaume, both from Chenin Blanc, we have marvelled at Florent Baumard's skill with a whole range of wines from sparkling Cremant through to age-worthy reds. Earlier this year we made the decision to purchase as much Clos du Papillon as we could from the magical 2005 vintage, before it sold through. At the time, Florent said he thought there would be increased demand for sparkling wines made by the same method as Champagne, but at a much better price. His sparkling rosé had sold out completely and the white Cremant de Loire had just received some excellent reviews.

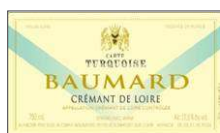
The conversation sparked the seeds of this offer – a selection that showcases Florent's skills with different varieties and styles. Florent aims to produce the best possible wine from his *terroir* and his unique talent and obsession with quality shows across his range. There is a characteristic richness allied to purity and balance and of course an ability to keep and improve.



The remarkable Verdelho vines.

So we are pleased to offer these four outstanding wines, available individually or as a six bottle Sampler Case. Each is interesting and unique in its own way and we strongly recommend them.

Domaine des BAUMARD  
Carte Turquoise  
NV  
CREMANT DE LOIRE 12.5%



'Masterly is the first word that comes to mind when I think of Baumard's Cremants, who has long been one of a handful of top producers of Loire sparkling wine. Given the substantial number of sparkling wine houses - Bouvet-Ladubay, Gratién & Meyer, and Langlois Chateau among the best - this is no small achievement. Yet every last one of these houses, and I weigh my words, would do well to take some lessons from Baumard.' Jacqueline Friedrich, in the Wine Humanist.

*Rich, complex blend of Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc. Light straw colour and lean, mineral aromas with notes of apple and white peach. Fresh, lemon, apple and pink grapefruit flavours with hints of almond. The mousse is refined and relatively soft, though there is plenty of crisp acidity. Finishes long and dry with attractive biscuity notes.*

At Peak Now - 2011

**FR1560S £11.75**

Domaine des BAUMARD  
Vert de l'Or  
Lot 2004  
VIN DE TABLE 13.5%



Amongst the domaine's vineyards Florent Baumard identified a small area of Verdelho, a variety that had almost disappeared from France, though is known in Madeira and more recently Australia. Despite being planted in the Loire for almost 200 years, the French authorities refuse to recognise the grape. However, the quality was such that Florent was determined to make a single varietal wine. It had to be sold as Vin de Table, so he used the name Vert de l'Or, pronounced Ver-del-O! No wine details are allowed but 'lot 2004' gives the vintage and we know the grapes come from the south bank of the Loire near Savennières.

*Dry and flavoursome with lime, quince and lemon zest and steely intensity. The crisp, sinewy flavours are balanced by notes of pear and ripe apple and supple, rounded mouth-feel. Good intensity and now developing some complexity.*

At Peak Now - 2012

**FR2434W £8.99**

Domaine des BAUMARD  
Clos du Papillon  
2005  
SAVENNIERES 13%



The Clos du Papillon vineyard is shaped like a butterfly's wings and planted to ancient Chenin Blanc vines. At this northerly extreme of still wine production the weather conditions are critical and Florent's natural approach to winemaking means that every vintage is unique. So it is not surprising that the outstanding 2005 vintage has produced a similarly outstanding wine. Rather like the 1990, it is much fuller and richer than a typical vintage and though disarmingly drinkable now will keep 20 years.

*'A superb wine, fresh and ripe, with a characteristic edge of caramel, opulence and bone-dry acidity. This comes from a great vineyard in a great Loire year, so it's no surprise that, like many great Loire Chenin Blanc, it promises lengthy aging-15-20 years if you can wait. In the meantime, now it has youthful vigour and freshness. 95 points.'* Roger Voss, *The Wine Enthusiast*

At Peak Now - 2025

**FR1615W £17.95**

Domaine des BAUMARD  
Logis de la Giraudiere  
2004  
ANJOU ROUGE 12.5%



During the 1960s Anjou produced mainly white wine and any red grapes were made into rosé. Jean Baumard, Florent's father, was one of the few to keep producing red wine, 'for his own consumption'. The grapes came from an ancient 'Clos' or walled vineyard near Rochefort. The problem was that the vineyard produced rather more than the Baumards could drink. So from 1964, the family wine was sold to other wine lovers. It is named after the ancient winery, Logis de la Giraudiere, and is made from Cabernet Franc with a little Cabernet Sauvignon. The style varies according to the vintage yet remains fruit-driven and ageworthy.

*Savoury, spicy black cherry aromas with notes of currant leaf and musk. Smooth, medium bodied with fresh, expressive flavours of damson, cherry and redcurrant, just a touch of tannin and notes of wild herbs. Attractive, open-knit style.*

At Peak Now - 2012

**FR1604R £7.99**

**save  
up to  
15%**

The six bottle Sampler Case is **£59.65** including Free Delivery  
It contains 2 bottles of Vert de l'Or and Logis de la Giraudiere and  
1 bottle of Carte Turquoise and Clos du Papillon – **a saving of up to £10**

Alternatively, you can make up your own 6 bottle case  
and receive Free Delivery on your order.

**BAUMARD SAMPLER CASE**

List Price	<b>£63.66</b>
OFFER PRICE	<b>£59.65</b>
Case Code	<b>FRC020M</b>