



## 2017

AOP Touraine, Vallée de la Loire et Centre, France

Our journey is coming to an end. Let's discover a last wine on the borders of Touraine, at Willy Allion's, a young passionate winegrower in the commune of Saint Romain sur Cher. La Dilecta, named after Honoré de Balzac's first love, Mme de Berny, is an exceptional wine that magnifies the expression of Sauvignon Blanc grown to a very high level of maturity. This wine, which exudes candied fruit, combines aromatic power and elegance.

### TERROIR

The grapes are harvested from two plots of old vines located on the slopes of the Cher on a clay-limestone terroir and selected for their superb aptitude for maturation.

### WINEMAKING

Monitoring of ripeness by regular berry tasting. Grapes are harvested with ripe fruit aromatic profiles. skin-contact maceration for 12 hours, then gentle pressing and light settling to preserve the aromatic potential. Traditional vinification with temperature control (17 to 19°C).

### AGEING

Aged on fine lees with regular stirring (8 to 10 months) before bottling in July.

### VARIETAL

Sauvignon blanc 100%

### SERVING

Served slightly chilled (12-14°C).

### TASTING

Golden colour. Exuberant nose combining spices, candied citrus fruits, exotic fruits (pineapple, mango), empyreumatic notes (toast) and a subtle minerality. Fleshy, voluminous and warm on the palate, well balanced between sweetness and freshness. Powerful, unctuous and salivating finish, with toasted notes.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

To be enjoyed with fish in sauce or grilled (sea bass), white meat (Bresse hen in cream sauce), pan-fried foie gras, as well as mature goat cheese.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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