

PASCAL & ALAIN LORIEUX « Thélème » 2019

AOC CHINON

Single Vineyard – GPS 47.1638, 0.2988



ORIGIN

Loire Valley

APPELLATION

Chinon

VINEYARD

Clay-limestone soils
Yield: 32 hL/ha

BLEND

100% Cabernet Franc

FARMING

Hand-sorted and 100%
destemmed.

WINEMAKING

Maceration for 5-6 weeks with
daily pump-overs during the
fermentation phase.

AGING

Aged in stainless steel tank for
8 – 12 months.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13% Alc. |

Pascal et Alain Lorieux's 2019 Chinon 'Thélème' is a terroir driven wine. The nose and palate are full of dark fruits and unmistakable vitality. Its thoroughly saturated characteristics explode with defined texture and acidity showing signs that this is a cuvée for aging. Enjoy from 2023.

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The Lorieux vineyard is in the village of Cravant le Côteaux. The Cabernet Franc vines come from the best hillside vineyards that overlook the Chinon valley. These vines dig their roots into shallow chalky clay/limestone soils derived from a chalky bedrock known locally as *tuffeau*. These strong soils produce an equally powerful wine with fine silky tannins representing the terroir.

Thélème is named in the spirit of famed local writer Rabelais' The Life of Gargantua and Pantagruel. In this tale, there is a utopian abbey by the name of Thélème where there is only one law-- "Do What You Will." Pleasure and leisure are the rule, and this wine is a little reminder of the good things in life...

ACCOLADES

2019 Wine Enthusiast Magazine – 94 Points (Cellar Selection)

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