

Wine Spectator Selects Jean-Maurice Raffault in Chinon as the only “Recommended Value” Loire Domaine

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Loire



JEAN-MAURICE RAFFAULT

Rodolphe Raffault has steadily built this Chinon domaine into one of the region's leading producers of Cabernet Franc. With 136 acres of vines, Raffault produces a quintet of red Chinon cuvées, topped by the Clos des Capucins bottling sourced from a terraced, hilltop vineyard comprising clay and flint soils. A light, stylish rosé and a plump, friendly white are also produced here.