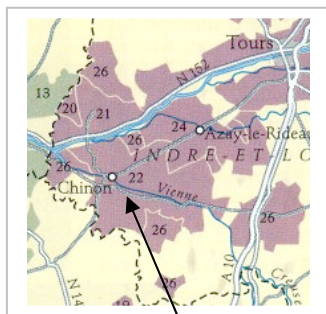


## LOIRE VALLEY



**Cravant les Coteaux**  
Chinon area of Production

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Terroir:** Gravel, silex and sandy soils.

**Characteristics:** 2008 Red CHINON Domaine

"A nice old-school style, with mulled anise, blackberry and fig bread notes backed by sweet tapenade. The toast is subtle and integrated, while the finish lets a sanguine hint peek in." **Savvy Shopper - 90pts.** J. MOLESWORTH **Wine SPECTATOR**. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Issue, 2010

**Press Review: Selected 2011 Guide HACHETTE des Vins – Ligiers d'OR** Loire Valley Wines – Cuvee Domaine already rated **89pts Wine Spectator & Recommended** Loire Valley

## Domaine GOURON

### CHINON ROUGE

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée

**CUVEE DOMAINE**

**100% Cabernet Franc**

**30 Hectares** (72.30 Acres)

**Aging in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks**

**Sustainable Agriculture Practices**

**Vintage(s)** on sale: **2008**

### Specifications:

Only **Cuvee DOMAINE** has been **produced in 2008**, out of old vines and best terroirs.

The **GOURON Family** has been producing wine for five generations in their estate of Cravant les Coteaux. Their 30 hectares (72.30 acres) estate **Domaine GOURON** is entirely located within the **Chinon** Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée.

Throughout the year, they take great care of their vines to get the best maturity and natural lower yields. To reach the desired concentration and expression from their Cabernet Franc, the Gouron family utilizes green-covering in each row, very short pruning and reduced foliage. Each parcel is then harvested and vinified separately in order to keep and reveal the expression of each terroir. The gravely-sandy soil on the plain or sandy-limestone hilltops provide unctuous and tender fruity wines for the Red & Rosé **Cuvées Domaine**, while chalky-limestone or limestone siliceous slopes provide more concentrated wines for the Vieilles Vignes or Special Cuvees aged in oak barrels. As shown on the picture, caves under the hillside of the estate extend for several hundreds of meters and offer the perfect natural temperature conditions for aging and storage of the **Domaine GOURON** wines. We tasted the wines from more than 20 different producers within 4 years before making a decision to select and fell in love with a Chinon. **Domaine GOURON** is the "conclusion" of this very careful survey, and we are simply proud of this Red Loire!

Tough climate in Chinon in 2008 with up to 80% crop lost from hail and frost during the spring. But what is "left" from all three different terroirs and older vines has been used for this rare but spectacular **Cuvee Domaine**, single Red Chinon produced in 2008!

### Laurent & Stéphane GOURON



### Cuvee Domaine plot

