



**LOCATION:**  
France > Loire > Muscadet Sèvre & Maine Sur Lie > La Haye Fouassière

**VARIETY:**  
Melon de Bourgogne (Melon B)

**WINEMAKER:**  
Gérard and Laurence Vinet



## SCIENCE

ABV: 12%  
SUGAR RATE: < 1.2 g/L  
TOTAL SO<sub>2</sub>: < 70 ppm  
TOTAL ACIDITY: 4.6 g/L

# Domaine de la Quilla

## EXPERIENCE

**NAME:** Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie = Made from 100% Melon de Bourgogne, aka Melon B, the wine made from this grape, in this region, is called Muscadet. "Sur Lie" means aged on the lees and "Sèvre et Maine" are the rivers defining the region's borders.

**CHARACTER:** Showcasing a crunchy minerality with vivacity and freshness, this wine is aromatic with green apple, citrus, and white peach. With air or aging, mint and eucalyptus emerge with a dry finish of salty ocean air and pithy citrus fruits.

**ENJOY WITH:** To be enjoyed particularly with seafood and shellfish like mussels, oysters and shrimp. Also a great aperitif.

**BEST RESULTS:** Serve at 48-52° F, expressing more character with time in the glass.

## EXPRESSION

**FERMENTATION:** Whole bunches are conveyed by belt to the pneumatic press. Neutral yeast are chosen to let the terroir express itself (no aromatic yeast). Fermentation and settling with temperature control.

**ELEVAGE:** Between 7-10 months of maturing exclusively on fine lees, stirring of the lees (batonnage) when necessary, bottled directly off the lees with no racking.

**FINING AND FILTERING:** Only filtration with clay just before bottling, vegan.

**SULFUR:** Addition of sulfur just after fermentation, approx. 25 ppm.

## SOURCE

**FARMING:** Sustainable agriculture certified HVE and Terra Vitis. Utilizing cover crops and sexual confusion (pheromones) for plant health, dry farming.

**LAND:** 30-hectare estate on the slopes of the Sèvre Nantaise River in La Haye Fouassière, with rocky soils composed of mica-schists, gneisses, amphibolites. Proximity to the Atlantic with a maritime climate moderates temperature.

**VINE:** Average vine age is 30 years. Pruning and trellised in Guyot Nantes.

**HARVEST AND PRODUCTION:** Combination of hand harvesting and machine, 10,000 cases produced.

