



- **Country:** France
- **Region:** Loire Valley
- **Subregion:** Vouvray
- **Vintage:** 1990
- **Colour:** White
- **Grape Variety:** Chenin Blanc
- **ABV:** 12.5%
- **Bottle Size:** 75cl
- **Closure:** Natural cork
- **Style:** Rich rather than sweet
- **Drink With:** Liver pate or simply pan fried.

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MAISON DARRAGON VOUVRAY DEMI-SEC 1990

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An absolutely stunning Vouvray Demi-Sec from one of the greatest vintages of the last century. I remember meeting Pierre Darragon when this wine was first bottled. I was on holiday in the Loire Valley and I went for a tasting to meet him finally. Both the 1989 and the 1990 were superb vintages but if there was an edge, this had it. And now some 30 years on from birth it has developed into a quite majestic wine that tastes as if it were made yesterday. The aromas are quite superb with apple fruit dominant. The palate is both full and rich yet the fresh acidity lifts the flavours and makes the whole thing seem so young. The finish is again quite amazing and so long. A superb wine. How to drink it? Well perhaps on your knees!! A great experience. a rich liver pate would be sensational with this, black and white pudding too which was offered when I first tried it or maybe simply fried wild mushrooms. Whatever you put with it, it's sure to bring a smile to your face.

ABOUT THE GROWER

Maison Darragon is based in the hamlet of Sanzelle, between the village of Vouvray and the outskirts of the commune of Vernous-sur-Brenne. The 40 hectare estate is run by Pierre Darragon and husband and wife team Christelle, his daughter, and David Charbonnier, and the vineyards lie on the region's famous chalky, clay-limestone soils.

As is true of most other wine producers in Vouvray, Maison Darragon produces only white wines solely from the Chenin Blanc grape. The wines are made in a newly built winery and then mature in ancient cave cellars until ready for sale. The estate practices reasoned agriculture out of respect for the environment, its vines and its wines.

Due to a series of unfortunate events – sample bottles being broken in transit, visits to the state being aborted because of thick fog etc. – it took about two years for us to actually get to taste Maison Darragon's wines, but they were certainly worth the wait. We tasted wines from many other Vouvray estates and all too often they were over-sulphured and less than charming on the palate. None of that here as Pierre's wines are always exemplary: clean, fresh and fruity, whatever their style, and their quality is head and shoulders above anything else we've tried from the appellation. No wonder we've been buying them for so many years now!

To bring this a little more up to date, the present range of wines is truly stunning, all showing great purity of fruit and perfect balance. There are few producers in our catalogue who can boast this level of quality, yet their wines remain unsung heroes. We need to change that!!