



Anjou Blanc “Chauvigné” 2016

The Richou brothers’ 2016 Anjou Blanc “Chauvigné” is a fine bottle of chenin blanc, offering up a vibrant bouquet of pineapple, quince, chalky soil, white lilies, citrus peel and a topnote of fresh almond. On the palate the wine is bright, full, complex and very nicely balanced, with impressive depth at the core, bouncy acids and impressive length and grip on the complex finish. This is a fine value.

90+ pts– John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, October 2018

Anjou Rouge “Les Châteliers” 2016

The Anjou Rouge “les Châteliers” from Domaine Richou is composed entirely of gamay, which they grow in this small parcel planted on schist and quartz. The 2016 is nicely ripe and expressive, wafting from the glass in a classy blend of red and black cherries, vinesmoke, gamebird, complex, stony minerality and a topnote of espresso. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and shows a nice touch of sappiness at the core, with fine soil signature, moderate tannins and a long, tangy and complex finish. There is really terrific backend energy to this wine! It is really a superb example of gamay and could use a year or two in the cellar to blossom properly.

90+ pts– John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, October 2018

Anjou Rouge “Les 4 Chemins” 2015

The single vineyard “les 4 Chemins” bottling from Domaine Richou is a blend of eighty percent cabernet franc and twenty percent cabernet sauvignon, grown on schist soils. The 2015 version is excellent, offering up a pure and ripe nose of blackberries, cigar smoke, dark soil tones, espresso and a nice touch of charred wood in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and classy, with a superb core of fruit, lovely soil signature, moderate, ripe tannins and excellent length and grip on the focused and complex finish. In the ripe year of 2015, this comes in at an even thirteen percent octane and is precise and classy. It is very drinkable out of the blocks, but will also age long and gracefully. Fine juice and an excellent value! 2016-2030+.

91 pts– John Gilman, A View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016