

Domaine de L'Oubliée

Profile

Xavier Courrant, a former Parisian *caviste* (wine retailer), decided to get closer to the source by founding Domaine de L'Oubliée, his 6.4 hectare estate in the commune of Saint-Patrice. After studying viticulture/oenology and working with famed vigneron [Romain Guiberteau](#) for a year, Xavier managed to purchase 3 major plots of Cabernet Franc in 2009.

Each of these features a unique terroir, and in such Xavier vinifies three red wines to highlight their inherent differences. *Merci la Vie*, his entry level cuvée, comes from vines planted in 80% sand and gravel and 20% clay and limestone. *Notre Histoire* is grown on calcareous clay and tuffeau limestone and *Tenue de Soirée* is grown on clay and limestone. Each cuvée is named after a film from Bertrand Blier, the famed French director whom Xavier happens to be obsessed with.

Xavier also tends to a small parcel of Chenin Blanc, a complete anomaly in Bourgeuil. Appropriately, the wine is called *Il Existe en Blanc*, (It Exists in White). In this case, the cuvée name does not reference a Bertrand Blier film, but a Bertrand Blier book!