

PINEAU D'AUNIS

Vin de France



L'APPEL DU LARGE

## Les Gauchers

**Vigneron:** Cédric Fleury

**Location:** Vendôme

**Size of Domaine:** 5.5 ha

**Terroir:** flinty clay soils on limestone parent rock

**Viticulture:** Organic

Thanks to his uncle, a chef at Jean-Pierre Robinot's Ange-Vin restaurant in Paris, Cédric Fleury was introduced to natural wines in the 1990s. The passion took hold early and has remained with him ever since. His first professional years, however, were spent working abroad in humanitarian aid.

During his returns to France, Fleury used the opportunity to deepen his knowledge of wine, meeting growers at fairs and visiting estates. In 2002, a harvest with Thierry and Jean-Marie Puzelat at Clos du Tue-Boeuf proved formative. From 2004 onwards, he continued to learn the trade between overseas assignments alongside his friend Renaud Guettier of Domaine de la Grapperie, on the hillsides of the Loire Valley.

A decisive turning point came in 2013, when Fleury retrained at the Lycée Agricole d'Amboise with the clear intention of establishing himself in his native Vendômois. He first worked at Domaine de Montrieux under Émile Hérédia, later taken over by Ariane Lesné, before founding his own estate, Les Gauchers, in 2017. He began with 2.6 hectares of vines.

In 2020, the domaine added a 0.6-hectare planting of Pineau d'Aunis using massal selection. The following year marked a significant expansion, with the acquisition of a further 3.7 hectares under his own management, bringing the total surface area to nearly seven hectares.

In 2023, one parcel was sold, allowing the estate to refocus on three distinct islets comprising six parcels, for a total vineyard area of just under six hectares.