

# DOMAINE DE PALLUS

**Year Founded:** 1883

**Region:** Loire, France

**Winemaker and Owner:**  
Bertrand Sourdais

**Known for:** Producing uniquely aromatic Cabernet Franc.

**Cool Fact:** The wines age in used Chateau Haut-Brion Barrels.

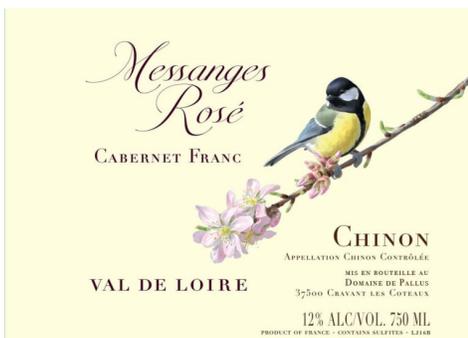
**-Biodynamic, Organic, Sustainable-**

In 2004, France's most respected critic, Michel Bettane, got together with Spain's legendary journalist, Jose Penin, to blind-taste the two countries' thirty-one best wines. Tastings like this often contain a shocker; this time it was an obscure wine from Ribera del Duero made by a little-known French winemaker. The upstart was 2002 Dominio de Atauta "Llanos del Almendro," made by the then 25-year-old Bertrand Sourdais, a native of Chinon in the Loire Valley. In the early 2000's, with his father's retirement nearing, Bertrand took up the challenge of creating something great at Pallus. At Atauta, he had learned to question orthodoxy, and at Pallus he believed he could chart a new course. His goal, ultimately, was to honor Chinon's soil and its ancient traditions. But he knew that to do so, he would need to correct both the flaws that



persisted in the region's traditional methods, while avoiding the mistakes typically made by modernists. Bertrand has brought to the project an insider's sense of tradition combined with an outsider's eye for change. He aspires to test the limits of possibility for the vineyards that 5 generations of his family have worked. The estate holds almost 30 small parcels located in Chinon's heart at Cravant-les-Coteaux. Soils range from heavy, limestone-rich clay, to sand. Bertrand selects from the estate's best parcels to work in "his way," and those form the basis for his Les Pensées. He likes a blend of limestone clay (for aromatics), heavier clay (for power), and sand (for finesse). Bertrand employs a thoughtful adaptation of biodynamics - listening to the vines instead of listening to rote dogma. Bertrand utilizes an extremely long, gentle maceration (over 30 days) to capture the "soul" of his Cabernet Franc. Elevation is similarly unhurried, with a gentle 18 months in second passage barrels purchased from elite Bordeaux estates.

## Chinon 'Messanges' Rosé



100% Cabernet Franc. Three months in stainless steel. Messanges is an old Loire Valley name for Cabernet Franc. Bertrand is using this line for a Red and Rosé from his younger vines. Vinified for immediate accessibility, they are the perfect introduction to the Pallus style.

# FIELD RECORDINGS.

**‘Andrew Jones is one of the most important players in the Central Coast wine industry.’ -San Francisco Chronicle**

**Year Founded: 2007**

**Region: Central Coast,  
Paso Robles AVA**

**Owner/Winemaker:  
Andrew Jones and Tim Fulnecky**

**Known For: Andrew’s ‘day job’ is working for a grapevine nursery in California, putting some 2-3 million vines in the ground per year in addition to putting 60,000+ miles on his car a year driving from vineyard to vineyard. Andrew knows where the best vineyard sites are in California and he champions them through authentically made wines.**

**-Organic, Sustainable, Vegan-**

Local Knowledge. Traditional Techniques. Field Recordings is 35-year old winemaker Andrew Jones’ personal catalog of the people and places he values most. Spending his days as a vine nursery fieldman planning and planting vineyards for farmers all over California, Andrew is sometimes offered small lots of their best fruit on the side. Having stood in just about every vineyard on the Central Coast, he has a keen eye for diamonds in the rough: sites that are unknown or under-appreciated but hold enormous untapped potential. As friendships are made and opportunities are embraced, Andrew produces small quantities of soulful wine from these unusual, quiet vineyards. The Field Recordings wines are a catalog of single vineyard sites that produces wines with a sense of place and personality. In addition to the single vineyard wines, multi-vineyard blends are put together under the Wonderwall, Alloy Wine Works, and FICTION labels. Wonderwall focuses on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from extreme, coastal locations. Breaking through and breaking rules. Alloy Wine Works is a collection of varietal wines packaged in cans. FICTION, the original spin-off label, is a white and red wine produced from multiple vineyards and multiple varieties. Taking what the season gives us and creating a blend made for every occasion. Ready for tonight, tomorrow or this weekend.



## **Field Recordings Rosé of Cab Franc Pet Nat, Paso Robles**



**Varietals:** Cabernet Franc

**Fermentation:** Crushed and left on skins for 6 hours and pressed to stainless. Fermented cold and bottled before fermentation is complete to get just the right amount of sparkle.

**Tasting Notes:** Oxnard plains strawberries, fresh rosemary sourdough loaves and a hint of jade citrus mint tea.

# PASSIONATE WINES

**Year Founded:** 2008

**Region:** Tupungato, Uco Valley, Argentina

**Owner:** Matias Michelini

**Fun fact:** The winery has an automatic temperature control system from New Zealand that can be operated remotely online from anywhere in the world!

**-Organic, Sustainable-**

Passionate Wines is the brainchild of Matias Michelini. He is the winemaker, agronomist, and Grand Poobah of his winery named Passionate Wines. Matias strives to make experimental wines that express terroir. These wines are low production and are drawn from multiple inspirations, regions, and styles. The Via Revolucionaria wines are single vineyard, unconventional wines, fermented with native yeast. Matias continues to experiment with other cuvees with the mantra of producing either atypical varietals or classic varietals in non-traditional methods.



## Passionate Montesco Pie Franc



**MONTESCO**

**PIE FRANC**

San Pablo - Tunuyán  
VALLE DE UCO | ARGENTINA

100% Cabernet Franc grown on sandy and calcareous soil. Native yeast. 8 months in concrete vat. 20 day maceration/fermentation. Organic!

“This lively, spicy midweight shows very good mineral verve and lift and finishes saline and persistent.” -Vinous