

Domaine Richou

Anjou



2007 Anjou Blanc Chauvigné

"The creamy flavors of apple, quince and poached pear are velvety in texture, underlined by a fragrant stoniness. It finishes with subtly nuanced layers of aroma, feeling ample yet tethered by minerality."

90 points– Wine & Spirits Magazine, "The Year's Best Loire" (April, 2011)

2009 Anjou Les 4 Chemins

"The easy-drinking Richou 2009 Anjou Les 4 Chemins red incorporates a bit of Cabernet Sauvignon (not uncommon in their schistic sector) with its primary Cabernet Franc. Scents of blackberry, walnut and artichoke lead to a firm but brightly juicy palate, revealing this to be one of those not uncommon Loire reds that paradoxically combine density and palate-staining concentration with a white wine-like sense of refreshment and levity. The finish here decidedly suggests the licking of stone and the crunching of blackberries right down to the seeds."

87 points– David Schildknecht, eRobertParker.com #190 (August 2010, emphasis added)

2008 Coteaux de l'Aubance "Les Violettes"

"Of the several Richou cuvees from this appellation, I recently tasted only their 2008 Coteaux de l'Aubance Les Violettes, which is due to hit U.S. markets shortly although a price had not yet been set. Deeply gold in color, it smells of peach, fresh fig, quince, candied orange rind, and lavender. Oily and rich, with hints of honey and marzipan supported by judicious sweetness, yet possessed of a vivacious rivulet of fresh orange, grapefruit and pineapple, it finishes with its counterpoint of honeyed richness and brightness rendered all the more striking for its sounding board of sheer stone.

On the strength of several selections I recently tasted from among their many offerings, Damien and Didier Richou continue to uphold a tradition of interesting, generally excellent wines."

90 points– David Schildknecht, eRobertParker.com #190 (August 2010)