

2011 Thierry Germain – Domaine des Roches Neuves Saumur Champigny La Marginale

A Cabernet Franc Dry Red Table wine from France, Saumur Champigny, Saumur, Loire Valley, France

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Cost:

Dark and purple colored, the 2011 Saumur Champigny La Marginale, which is sourced from a south-facing parcel in Les Poyeux with 40-year-old vines on loamy limestone soils and produced only in great years, reveals a clear, fresh and floral bouquet with dark fruit flavors and a touch of coffee, tea and chocolate. Full-bodied and firmly structured, it is a pure, fresh, silky textured and elegant wine with a nice minerality and a promising structure. Somewhat austere or ascetic at the moment, but the length and animating freshness here is really impressive. According to the website, Thierry Germain wants to create "great Cabernet wines, faithful to their soils – fine, long, fresh, vivid, dynamic, and greedy." Importer(s): Jon-David Headrick Selections, 33 Meadow Rd, Suite 200, Asheville, NC 28803, (828) 252-8245, www.jondavidwine.com+Importer(s): Vin sur Vin Diffusion, Kopenicker Strasse 18-20, D-10997 Berlin, Germany, +49 30 695 199 20, www.weine-visentin.de+Importer(s): Vos Selections, 555 Eight Avenue Suite 1209 NY, 10018 New York, http://www.vosselections.com/+Importer(s): Weinhandlung Kreis, Boheimstraße 43 D-70199 Stuttgart Germany, +49 711 762839, http://www.wein-kreis.de/