

Cynthia Hurley French Wines Expands Portfolio with Domaine Girard

West Newton, **MA – March 14**, **2019** – Cynthia Hurley French Wines is pleased to announce that it is a United States importer of Domaine Girard a family-owned estate located in the heart of the Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine AOP.

"We are proud to represent and introduce Domaine Girard to the U.S. market. This familyowned winery, now entering its fourth generation, maintains the highest level of quality for its wines.""- Bob Hurley, President Cynthia Hurley French Wines

The Girard family's winemaking story began in the 1940s when they grew wine grapes as part of their small family farm along with cattle and cereal crops. In the 1970s, under then stewardship of Gaston Girard, the family transitioned into a full-fledged winery and began selling their Muscadet AOP wines directly to cafes and restaurants. In 1991 Patrick Girard and his wife, Martine, took over the estate's operations and expanded the winery. The family operation grew to include Patrick, the fourth generation, in 2013.

The domaine is located in the hamlet of Rebourgère located in between the Sèvre and Maine Rivers of the Loire Valley – considered the heart of the Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine AOP. The Girards have a total of 38 hectares, planted primarily to Melon de Bourgogne. The vineyards are planted on schist and gneiss subsoils, which give their wines the elegant fruity aromas and interesting mineral hints. They follow traditional AOP laws. They let the wine rest on its lees to increase richness and then it is bottled in the spring.

Cynthia Hurley French Wines will import two Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine wines from Domaine Girard: Tradition and Les Rebourgères.

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About Cynthia Hurley French Wines

For more than twenty-five years Cynthia Hurley French Wines has been importing exceptional wines from nearly every major wine region in France. Selections are artisanal and terroir driven from independent growers who use minimal to no intervention to create outstanding, appellation true wines. For more information, please visit www.cynthiahurley.com.