



# HOUSE OF TOWNEND

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## Le Funambule, Crémant de Loire, Domaine Alain Robert

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**Price** £17.49  
**Code** CREM065

A brilliant sparkling from Vouvray in the Loire Valley. With the perfect balance of freshness and complexity, this exceptional release captures the elegance and rich tradition of Vouvray. On the palate, the tension and peppery notes of Pineau d'Aunis awaken the taste buds, while the fruitiness of Grolleau and Pinot Noir brings a delicious touch. It's all a question of balance: this is the Funambule!

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### Tasting Notes:

Fresh red berries, pear and delicate floral notes are complemented by the gentle spice of Pineau d'Aunis. The palate is energetic and precise with a hint of pepper, enhanced by the fruit forward richness of Grolleau and Pinot Noir. A lovely creamy texture and vibrant freshness lead to a clean balanced finish

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Specification	
<b>Vinification</b>	Wine made using the traditional method. Aged for 6 months in stainless steel vats before drawing off. Then 18 to 30 months on slats in the cellar.
<b>ABV</b>	12.5%
<b>Size</b>	75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink now
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Loire Valley
<b>Area</b>	Vouvray
<b>Type</b>	Sparkling Wine
<b>Grape Mix</b>	Pineau d'Aunis, Grolleau, Pinot Noir blend
<b>Vintage</b>	NV
<b>Style</b>	Brut
<b>Body</b>	Refined, elegant and refreshing
<b>Producer</b>	Vignoble Alain Robert
<b>Producer Overview</b>	<p>Both Christiane and Alain Robert were born in Chançay, in families of farmers and winegrowers. They founded their own estate in 1973. At the time, they grew 2 hectares of vineyard, a precious family inheritance. Since the 1970s, the surface area of the vineyard, the rock-hewn cellar and the technical facilities have gradually been expanded and improved. In 2000 their son Cyril, enriched by experiences in the Champagne and Anjou vineyards, joined the estate to assist his father, while bringing his personal touch to the development of the vineyard and to the wine production. At the end of 2013 Catherine, Cyril's sister, also decided to continue the family history by joining the company after 10 years spent working on the left bank of the Loire.</p>
<b>Closure Type</b>	Cork
<b>Food Matches</b>	Perfect as an aperitif, with light starters or refined fish dishes