

Domaine de la Noblaie “Les Chiens-Chiens” 2006: A visit to La Noblaie is like **stepping back in time**, their house dates from the 12th century, the fermentation vessel was dug around the 17th century and the crusaders spent so much time in their backyard on the way to the East that their garden is still locally known around the area as “Les Blanc Manteaux” (the White Coats)! But **Jerome Billard** who has taken over his parents in 2003 is only 27 years old and has already worked at **Chateau Petrus and Chateau Dominus!** Les **Chiens-Chiens** (literally Dogs-Dogs) is produced from a single vineyard of Cab Franc and aged for 12 months in 3 years old barrels. From limestone and flint terroir it expresses earthiness, deep black fruits and spices. **Avg Retail \$18.99**

90pts Wine & Spirits: " This shows dense flavors of black fig, black cherry and cassis, yet its fresh acidity gives the wine a vibrant, energetic feel. It's delicious now, and should gain further harmony and complexity with time