

DOMAINE VACHERON Sancerre Blanc 'Le Pavé'

The Vacherons without question are Sancerre's leading winemaking clan. From the family's pioneering work in identifying and exploring the region's top terroirs to their leading position in biodynamic viticulture, there are few if any artisans today in Sancerre as exacting or as respected. The estate's peerless older vines, planted and cultivated by generations of family members, are cared for fastidiously. Yet it is the their singlevineyard wines, like 'Les Romains'—terroir-based selections recalling the painstaking work of Burgundian monks in the Côte d'Or—that have shown the world the heights and complexity that Sancerre can reach.

WINERY: Domaine Vacheron

WINEMAKERS: Jean-Laurent and Jean-Dominique Vacheron (cousins)

ESTABLISHED: 1900

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Sancerre

APPELLATION: Sancerre AOC

BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

VINEYARDS: An east-facing vineyard planted in 1990 on marl (limestoneclay) soils.

AGE OF VINES: 26 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts and aged in barrique. Unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of oyster shells, wildflowers, crisp pear and lemon zest. Refined and pure, with impressive definition.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Fresh oysters or other shellfish; goat cheese





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