

Central Loire Valley 2021 vintage : After a series of solar vintages, 2021 reconnected with a cooler weather. Under these conditions, maturation lagged. Sugar accumulated slowly, and the grapes' acids did not decline. The temperature range was however favourable to aromatic and phenolic maturation. While the rainfall that occurred during maturation helped the berries grow, the high moisture levels were conducive to the development of botrytis bunch rot. As a result, the health of the grapes was an important factor to consider when deciding on harvest dates.

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SANCERRE O-P 2021

GRAPES: 100% Sauvignon blanc

ABV: 12%

SOIL: Pebbly soil known as « Caillottes » made up of fragments of Oxfordian and Portlandian limestones (O-P)

AGE OF VINES : 37 years (facing south)

HARVESTING METHOD: Grapes manually harvested

HARVEST DATE : 5-6 October 2021

FARMING: Grass has been grown between the rows for the last 19 years

WINEMAKING PROCESS:

- After the grapes were sorted out, the grape must was fined and the second press juice was reincorporated during settling
- Tight tacking (débouillage) under 100NTU
- Neutral yeast (IOC 18-2007) in order to preserve the fruity aromas of the grapes, keeping the fresh typicity of that terroir
- Fermentation at 16°C to get the range of flavours and aromas characteristic of this type of terroir while preserving freshness and fruit.
- Aged 5 months on lees and stirred once to better express the typicity of the terroir. No malolactic fermentation



WORDS OF THE WINEMAKER: *Drinking this wine gives the impression of biting into the grape. We strive to make a dry and fruity wine. To be drunk young to enjoy its aromatic freshness.*

TASTING NOTES translated from the sensory analysis of Marie Thibault, oenologist in Sancerre : « Pale yellow robe with green tints. The nose is discreet. After stirring, the second nose develops aromas of rose and lily complemented with notes of quince and ripen mandarins. On the palate the attack is sharp and lively. This freshness matches with the aromas of lemon, lime, rose and white flowers. The finish is full of tension with a nice length sustained by pink grapefruit and rhubarb notes. »