

## DOMAINE ROGER ET DIDIER RAIMBAULT

Vine cultivation has been in the Raimbault family since the seventeenth century. The domain is a result of a merger between a father and son in 1996 bringing together a property that totals 17.5 ha with 80% of the vines on the sharp 10-35° slopes in the communes of Verdigny and Sur yen Vaux.



On hills that are 200 to 400 meters high, the vineyards receive prime exposure to the sun. Spanning two out of three of the region's noted terroirs: terre blanche and les caillottes. Terre blanche is a calcareous clay with Kimmeridgian limestone laying mostly in the west of the appellation that yields powerful, full-bodied wines. Les caillottes is a calcareous mix with limestone and gravel yielding aromatic and youthful wines.



A brand new winery was completed in 2005. Integrated into the hillside, it spans three levels to accommodate gravity flow throughout the winemaking process.

## Sancerre



**Varietal/Blend:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Farming Practices:** viticulture raisonnée

**Soil:** terre blanche and les caillottes

**Average Year Vines Planted:** 1985

**Trellis System:** Guyot

**Yeast:** ambient

**Fermentation:** no destemming / 2-4 weeks in temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks

**Aging:** 12 months in tank

**Sulfur:** total 125mg/L

**Vegan:** yes

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Fined:** Bentonite

**Filtered:** yes

**Country:** France

**Region:** Loire

**Sub Region:** Sancerre

**Vineyard:** estate

**Vineyard Size:** 11 ha

**Production #s:** 7,500 cases

A first selection is made in the vineyard with only perfectly ripe bunches collected into small bins. A second triage is performed at the winery. All the grapes are de-stemmed. After the cold soak fermentation begins in stainless steel open top fermenters. Pump overs are performed each evening and the cap is punched down twice daily.

**Tasting Notes:** Citrus aromas marked by subtle notes of grapefruit and the zest of lemons. The profile of the wine is a classic, aromatic and refined Sauvignon Blanc unadorned or manipulated. The wine lingers on the palate with a mineral character of freshness.