

PHILIPPE RAIMBAULT

In Sancerre, just a short ride north of Verdigny, lies the village of Sury-en-Vaux, home to Philippe Raimbault, a ninth generation vintner. Owning vines on both sides of the Loire, in the Pouilly Fumé and Coteaux du Giennois appellations, Philippe has vines planted on steep slopes of les caillottes soil from the Jurassic period, an era that left behind fossils of sea creatures that are more than 130 million years old.

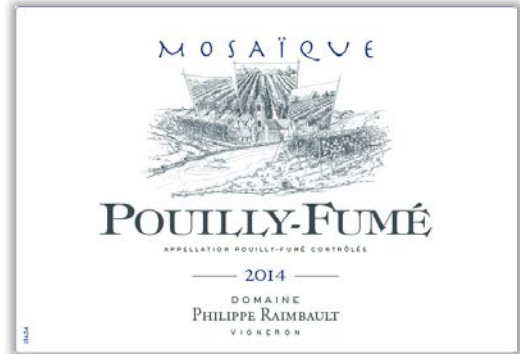


On steep slopes of Silex clay soils, Raimbault grows Sauvignon Blanc and for his Sancerre Rouge and Rosé, he grows Pinot Noir and Gamay. The producer of Sancerre “Apud Sariaum” and Sancerre “Apud Sariaum” Rosé, he named both after the ancient namesake of Sury-en-Vaux, because the vines encircle the village.

The Apud Sariaum cuvee Sancerre is the most classic example of the steely minerality that everyone has come to love and expect from Sancerre. Les Lumeaux is sourced from the Pouilly-Fumé vineyard *Montée des Lumeaux*. The wine itself exhibits the natural characteristics of the limestone-clay terroir which is loaded with “caillotes” (pebbly chalk soil) and favored with an excellent southeastern exposure. Alternatively, Raimbault’s “Mosaïque” is sourced from vines grown across several parcels of predominantly Kimmeridgian marl soil then blended for this cuvee. This “mosaic” of terroirs gives the wine its extraordinary balance.

POUILLY-FUMÉ

“MOSAÏQUE”



Varietal/Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Farming: sustainable / Terra Vitis certified*

Soil: limestone and clay (sedimentary Kimmeridgian)

Ave Year Vines Planted: 1990-2000

Yeast: natural

Fermentation: whole-cluster pressed to tank / stainless steel fermentation in stainless steel 16-20°C

Aging: on lees for 7 months prior to bottling

Alcohol: 12.5%

Fined: no

Filtered: diatom filtered and cold stabilized

Production #s: 17,000 bottles

Country: France

Region: Loire

Sub Region: Pouilly-Fumé

Vineyard: a balanced blend of 5 vineyard parcels

Vineyard Size: 2.25ha

*The Terra Vitis process “is the intention to produce high quality grapes which express the terroir and the know-how of wine growers in ecologically healthier ways with a view to preserving the environment and human health (from the producer through to final consumer)”.