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Sauvignon VDF

Éric Louis

The 2026 Vintage: A Historic Early Harvest with Echoes of 1976!

Some years make history, and 2026 is undoubtedly one of them. The fast growing cycle led to a particularly early harvest, with the start date set for August 17—a record in the recent history of the Sancerre appellation. A year reminiscent of the 1976 vintage, which was also marked by high temperatures and intense drought.

Despite difficult conditions for the vines, the occasional rains in late July and August provided much-needed relief to the vines and helped preserve the harvest's potential. In Quincy, our harvest began as early as August 19. In Sancerre, we chose to wait a few days, taking advantage of the thunderstorms to let nature finish its work and allow the grapes to reach their ideal balance: juicy berries, softened skins, and beautiful fruit expression.

Grape variety: 100% sauvignon blanc.



Terroir: this sauvignon blanc flourishes on a clay-limestone soil.



Vinification & maturation: Once the grapes have been picked, they are conveyed to the winery for a gentle pressing. After a cold settling, the must is racked off its sediments and impurities. The alcoholic fermentation follows (at 16°C to 18°C) in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks. The, the wine rests on its fine lees to enhance the texture and the intensity of aromas. The first bottling takes place in spring after the clarification and stabilization operations.



Tasting: a pure sauvignon ...
Beautiful pale gold color with emerald glints. The charming wine has a very fruity and fresh palate with aromas of ripe tropical flavors like passion fruits. It's a very refreshing wine.





Service: between 10°C to 12°C.
Food pairing: sublime as an aperitif! Try it with a grilled fish or smoked salmon.
Ageing potential: 3 years depending on the vintage.

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