



Sancerre "Pauline"

AOP

Éric Louis

2022: a vintage out of all our expectations - both rich and balanced!

The summer was marked by a succession of heat waves. The positive results for us : no disease in the vineyard. The rain fell at the right time (just before harvest), bringing volume and quality (even if we had a little pressure on the 2nd day of harvest with a violent hailstorm that swept over our area). After the historically low volumes in 2021, followed by a year in the vines under extreme conditions, we are pleasantly surprised to see the 2022 vintage combines quality and quantity. Fine balance, perfect sanitary condition, beautiful color extraction, nice level of acidity...



The story: Pauline, Éric's great grandmother founded the wine-estate at the beginning of the XIXth century and it seemed natural to us to pay tribute to this voluntary and enterprising woman. For her, we have created a Sancerre vinified in oak barrels, according to the tradition of the grandfather, Paul Cantin, known as Robert.



Grape variety: 100% Pinot noir



Terroir: The pinot noir grapes mainly come from a tiny plot called « Désert du P'tit Bannon », located in the village of Vinon. The vines are deeply rooted in a clay soil with plenty of siliceous conglomerates.

Many years ago, we chose to take the ambitious high road of ecological transition involving a reduction in the use of chemical products, the recovery of biodiversity, the preservation of the soil's potential and the management of resources, particularly water. Since 2023 our Sancerre are certified organic under Ecorcert.

Winemaking: We choose to harvest the grapes at night in order to help to concentrate the aromas, the flavors and control the oxidation of fruits. Picked at optimum maturity, the grapes are de-stemmed. Then, the process starts by cooling the grapes in thermoregulated stainless steel vats for a prefermentation maceration during which the juice develops its colour and aromas.

Alcoholic fermentation lasts for 3 weeks with pumping-over and punching twice daily in order to sharper the wine and release the phenols (colour and tannins).

The aging in new oak barrels (300 liters) from local forest (Bertranges, Tronçais...) takes around 10 months to gain in fullness and complexity.

Tasting notes: Rooted in a soil rich in flint, the vines flourish in this poor, arid and well-drained soils and provide a nice concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe fruits : blackcurrant and blackberry. The tannins are elegant, precise and well-integrated. Nice long-lasting finish.

Serve between: 14°C

Wine & Food pairing: This full-bodied wine asks to be combined with a powerful cooking, such as marinated game meat or tagliatelle with mushroom and pepper sauce.

Ageing potential: 10 years depending on the vintage.

