



DOMAINE PASCAL COTAT

Sancerre Blanc 'La Grande Côte'

Cotat Sancerre is simply some of the most singular Sauvignon Blanc in the world. Like his cousin François, Pascal Cotat (with his winery in Sancerre) crafts uncanny wines that defy both time and definition. These are wines that can age for decades effortlessly, and that marry a plush richness with a laser-like cut and energy. Cotat as a rule harvests by hand and very late, as pushing ripeness to the extreme is one element that gives his wines their weighty texture and complexity. To wit, "They are some of the finest Sauvignon Blancs I have ever put to my lips," says Robert Parker.

WINERY: Domaine Pascal Cotat

WINEMAKER: Pascal Cotat

ESTABLISHED: 1940s

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Sancerre

APPELLATION: Sancerre AOC

BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

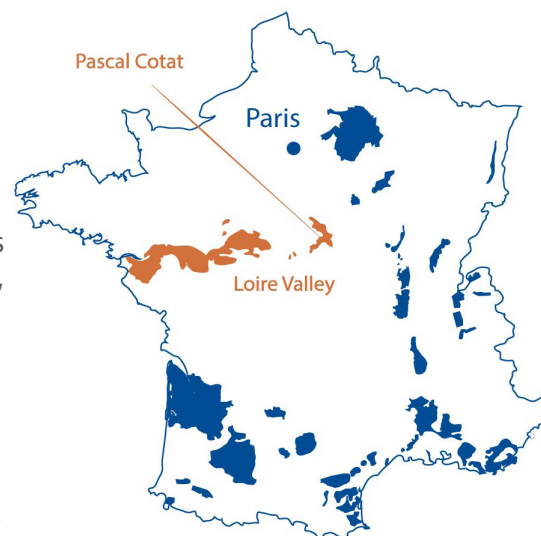
VINEYARDS: The Cotat cousins own 'La Grande Côte' outright: consider this plot the family monopole. This just over two-acre vineyard is steeply sloped, faces north, and has clay-rich soils.

AGE OF VINES: 60+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Grapes are pressed whole cluster, then fermented on indigenous yeasts in older demi-muids. Aged in older, large tonneaux for more than one year. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of lime zest, fresh pear, light herbs. Juicy and penetrating, with lots of mineral expression. Textured yet very dry. Flavors of stone fruits, crushed stones, light pepper.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Rich seafood; aged cheese; white meats



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