

## DOMAINE VACHERON

### Sancerre Rouge 'Les Marnes'

*The Vacherons without question are Sancerre's leading winemaking clan. From the family's pioneering work in identifying and exploring the region's top terroirs to their leading position in biodynamic viticulture, there are few if any artisans today in Sancerre as exacting or as respected. The estate's peerless older vines, planted and cultivated by generations of family members, are cared for fastidiously. Yet it is their single-vineyard wines—terroir-based selections recalling the painstaking work of Burgundian monks in the Côte d'Or—that have shown the world the heights and complexity that Sancerre can reach.*



CERTIFIED ORGANIC



**WINERY:** Domaine Vacheron

**WINEMAKERS:** Jean-Laurent and Jean-Dominique Vacheron (cousins)

**ESTABLISHED:** 1900

**REGION:** FRANCE • Loire Valley • Sancerre

**APPELLATION:** Sancerre AOC

**BLEND:** 100% Pinot Noir

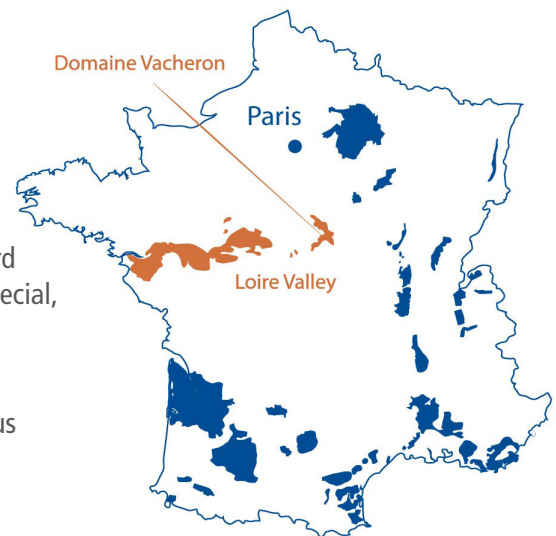
**VINEYARDS:** A selection of estate vines from a southeast-facing vineyard with a mix of loamy, clay-rich soils with lots of ancient seashells. This special, rare terroir is called "marne de crétacée."

**AGE OF VINES:** 35 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermented whole cluster on indigenous yeasts in one-year French oak barrels obtained from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. Aged for 18 months in barrel. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of red cherries, red plums, light pepper. Fresh yet full-bodied; mineral notes mix with profound berry flavors.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Grilled lamb or beef; aged French cheeses



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