

DOMAINE NEBOUTSaint-Pourçain Rouge 'Tradition'

Saint-Pourçain, located due south of Sancerre in practically the perfect center of France, is one of the country's oldest wine regions. Long ago, winemakers here crafted wines from rare grapes such as Tressallier for the tables of kings and gentry; yet locals barely escaped the ravages of phylloxera with but a few acres of vines. Diligent growers today, like the Nebout family, have long fought to bring back the winemaking traditions of Saint-Pourçain. Not only does the family cultivate some of the few remaining vineyards of Tressallier, but also they craft vibrant, light-bodied reds in a classic, perfumed style—very thirst-quenching.

WINERY: Domaine Nebout
WINEMAKER: Julien Nebout

ESTABLISHED: 1940s

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Saint-Pourçain-sur-Sioule

APPELLATION: Saint-Pourçain AOC **BLEND:** 80% Gamay and 20% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: Estate vines, facing southeast, grow on gravel- and sand-rich, alluvial soils on an ancient riverbed. The region of Saint-Pourçain sits at

altitude, some 900 to 1,200 feet above sea level.

AGE OF VINES: 20+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged in tank on fine lees.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red pie cherries, cranberry jam, dusty

cinnamon spice. Light-bodied and bright, thirst-quenching.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As a refreshing aperitif with cold cuts or appetizers; light salads; fresh French cheeses; grilled chicken with herbs

