

DOMAINE PASTOU Sancerre Blanc 'La Côte de Sury' Vieilles Vignes

The petite village of Sury-en-Vaux, north of the legendary Sancerre vineyard 'Monts Damnés,' is where you'll find this extraordinary source of character-rich wines from the Loire Valley. The family Pastou maintains excellent flint-rich vineyards in Sancerre as well as a superb perch in Pouilly-sur-Loire for their expressive Pouilly-Fumé. The theme that runs through all the domaine's wines is freshness: here, you can't be but floored by the energy of native grapes from these remarkable terroirs. Pastou wines each vintage are a must: light in alcohol, pure in flavor and a great pair with just about anything you put on the table.

WINERY: Domaine Pastou

WINEMAKER: Jean-Marc Pastou

ESTABLISHED: 1980

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Sury-en-Vaux

APPELLATION: Sancerre AOC **BLEND:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards surround the town of Sury-en-Vaux, north of Chavignol, in the Sancerre appellation. Soils are called "terres blanches," a

mineral mix of chalk and clay, with some pockets of flint.

AGE OF VINES: 40 years, average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented and aged in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks on fine lees. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of lime and lemon zest, with a touch of firecracker smoke (from the flinty soils). Flavors of crisp pear, grapefruit and kumquat.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Salads with Loire Valley regional goat cheese; oysters or other fresh shellfish

