

DOMAINE VACHERONSancerre Blanc 'Paradis'

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 the 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.





WINERY: Domaine Vacheron

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

ESTABLISHED: 1900

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Sancerre

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

VINEYARDS: 'Paradis' faces full south, on a steep hillside. Top soils are stony and poor; subsoils are pure chalk "mother rock." The family has trained vines' roots specifically to reach does into the subsoil

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AGE OF VINES: 40+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in large, upright wooden fermentation tanks (from 25-36HL). Racked, then aged for one year in same wooden tank. Unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of orange and lemon zest, wildflowers. Vibrant and precise, with a nervous tension throughout. Stone fruit, sea-salt, more citrus.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Rich seafood; white meats; cream sauces

