

DOMAINE VACHERONSancerre Blanc 'Les Romains'

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: A full south-facing vineyard. 'Les Romains' was one of the domaine's first 'single-vineyard' bottlings (the first vintage was 1997). Pure flint (silex) soils, rich in fossilized material; such soils contribute a minerality and smokiness to the wine.

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 crisp pears, lemon zest, wildflowers. Stone fruit and citrus, with a finish that echoes the terroir's smoke and seasalt notes. Complex and very age-worthy.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Rich seafood; white meats; cream sauces

