

DOMAINE VACHERON

Sancerre Rouge 'Belle Dame'

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.



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 single-vineyard wine from pure flint (silex) soils

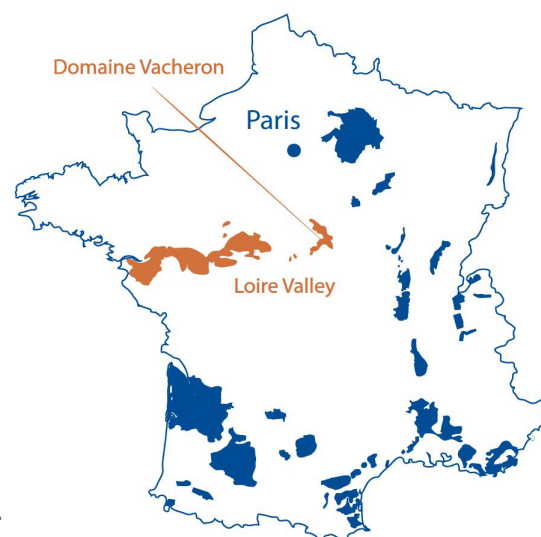
AGE OF VINES: 50 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented in upright wooden fermenting casks on indigenous yeasts. Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

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

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled lamb or beef; aged French cheeses

NOTES: 'Belle Dame' was the Vacheron family's first single-vineyard bottling, introduced in 1995.



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