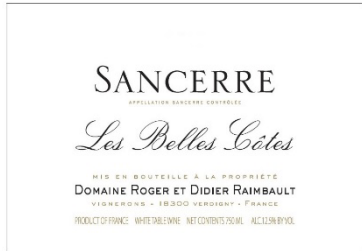


# DOMAINE ROGER ET DIDIER RAIMBAULT

« Les Belles Côtes » 2023

Single Estate – GPS 47.352364, 2.793582

**AOC SANCERRE**



## ORIGIN

Loire Valley, France

## APPELLATION

AOC Sancerre

## VINEYARD

Vines planted on limestone and clay-limestone hills  
50% terre blanche  
50% caillottes

## BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc

## WINEMAKING

Grapes gently pressed and vinified in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. The must is cold-settled for 24 hours.

## AGING

Aged on lees until bottling

Domaine Roger et Didier Raimbault 'Les Belles Côtes' 2023 Sancerre is a wine with full acidity, fruit and fine depth of flavor and concentration. The light-yellow color with gold tints gives way to an elegant nose of fruity aromas of citrus and tropical fruit. The beautifully fresh palate has intense bouquet of ripe Sauvignon Blanc followed by an excellent length and balanced minerality. Enjoy as an aperitif or with all types of seafood dishes.

The Loire 2023 vintage has been described as “complex,” as vineyards throughout the Loire endured a harsh and frosty spring and a wet summer, exposing the vines to disease and leaves full of mildew. However, growers were optimistic about a successful vintage: they have been incredibly careful and meticulous during harvest, grape selection, and sorting, and they will be even more attentive in their winemaking processes which will help determine the overall quality of this vintage. The majority of the Loire Valley’s vigneronns have already finished picking, certainly for the white, early ripening varieties and dry styles. Despite the difficulties the Loire Valley, the Sauvignon Blanc grapes are all clean – a testament to a very rigorous selection of grapes by some of the Loire’s best producers.

Made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc, Les Belles Côtes is an equal blend of two terroirs from different slopes. These hillsides face different directions, offering a magical aromatic variety of terroir expressions. The pebbly caillottes terroir drains water well, forcing the vine roots to seek humidity in the underlying limestone. This gives the wine a structured intensity and ripe fruit along with citrus freshness, while the terre blanche clay-limestone terroir provide richness and complexity and a fresh mineral finish, creating a more long-lived wine. An incredible combination... Roger et Didier Raimbault’s Sancerre Les Belles Cotes is indeed a remarkable expression of Sauvignon Blanc, typified by vivid and refreshing minerality.

Roger & Didier Raimbault’s Domaine is located in the Verdigny commune, right in the heart of the Sancerre wine region. The family has been growing vines for some 400 years, and owns 43 acres of vineyards on the sharp slopes of Verdigny and Sury en Vaux. These 500 to 1000 feet high hills rise in a slope of up to 40%, offering various sun exposures and terroirs giving authenticity and complexity to their wines. In order to fully express the terroir, vines are cultivated with great care, all year round. They use simple Guyot training and remove buds for greater vigor. Soils are worked to minimize herbicide use and grass is planted to fight erosion. With these methods, they try to maintain vigor in the vines in order to harvest healthy and well-balanced grapes. In their own words, "We cannot make a good wine with bad grapes".

## ACCOLADES

**2023** International Wine Report – 92 points

*” The 2023 'Les Belles Cotes' Sancerre is a wonderful showing in this vintage. It begins to impress with its vivid aromatics of lime, gooseberry, kiwi, citrus zest and crushed slate, which all emerge beautifully from the glass. The palate is clean and focused, as it showcases a wonderful combination of freshness and minerality through the finish.”*

**2022 This vintage has not yet been rated.**

**2021** – International Wine Report – 92 points

**2021** – Wine Enthusiast – 90 points

