

# DOMAINE ROGER ET DIDIER RAIMBAULT

## AOC SANCERRE « Pinot Noir » 2018

### Single Estate – GPS 47.35326, 2.79299



#### ORIGIN

Loire Valley, France

#### APPELLATION

AOC Sancerre

#### VINEYARD

+/- 30-year-old vines are planted in pebbly limestone soils known as *caillottes*

#### BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

#### FARMING

No herbicides or pesticides used, handpicked

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes macerate and ferment in stainless steel temperature-controlled tanks

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13.5% Alc. |

Domaine Raimbault's 2018 Red Sancerre opens with wonderful aromas of raspberries and strawberries that are accentuated with incredible exotic spices, delicate rose petals, and refreshing minerality. The palate is driven and focused with a trained core that persists into its teasing finish. Enjoy from 2022.

Sancerre's 2018 vintage is one of the most outstanding vintages in recent memory. The wines produced are full of texture and decadent richness due to the season's exceptional warmth.

Roger et Didier Raimbault's domaine is situated in the commune of Verdigny, right in the heart of the Sancerre wine region. The family has been growing vines for ten generations, and own 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. These Pinot Noir vines are planted in pebbly limestone soils called *caillottes*, a characteristic Sancerre terroir found on the banks of the Loire River. These soils give the wine well-structured roundness and aromatic refinement.

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

2018 International Wine Report – 91 points

2018 Wine Enthusiast – 90 Points

*"Perfumed and elegant, this has soft tannins to balance the red-berry flavors. Depth and concentration come from the rich fruitiness, acidity and the firm, dry core. The wine will be at its best from 2022."* –W.E.

