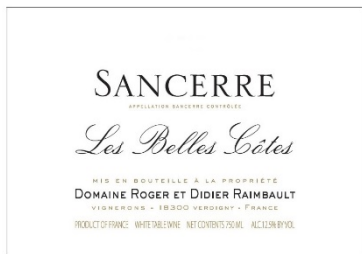


DOMAINE ROGER ET DIDIER RAIMBAULT

« Les Belles Côtes » 2018

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13% Alc. |

Domaine Roger et Didier Raimbault 'Les Belles Côtes' 2018 Sancerre begins with a nose full of ripe white fruits and the essences of fresh herbs. The palate is bright, fresh, and full of mouthwatering texture.

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.

Made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc, Les Belles Cotes is a 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 (SE-facing) along with citrus freshness (W-facing), while the terre blanche clay-limestone terroir provide richness and complexity (E-facing) and a fresh mineral finish (N-facing), 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

2018 Wine Enthusiast Magazine – 90 points

"While hinting at an herbal character, this wine is about ripe white fruits and attractive acidity. Taut as well as young, the texture supports the freshness. Drink the wine from late 2020." -W.E.

