



## DOMAINE ROGER ET DIDIER RAIMBAULT « Pinot Noir » SANCERRE – ROUGE

Domaine Raimbault's Red Sancerre wine comes from 100% Pinot Noir vines 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. A hint of spice on the nose is followed by fresh forest berry aromas folded into silky smooth tannins. This pure and noble expression of Pinot Noir is notable for flattering minerality in its youthful prime.

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.

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

2016 International Wine Report – 91 points

2016 Wine Enthusiast – 91 points

### 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

