



DOMAINE GERARD FIOU

JUST FIOU "SAUVIGNON BLANC" 2022



"When looking for a Sancerre producer to add to our portfolio, we picked the village first" this statement can seem surprising but with 14 villages you have a lot of different expression of Sauvignon Blanc.

Florent Bourgeois' tiny estate of 24 acres is based in Saint-Satur, the closest village of the appellation to the Loire River. Also called the port of Sancerre it benefits from the microclimate of the river providing optimum ripeness potential.

The 4 only growers based in this single south-facing hillside are blessed with a unique Terroir rich in Flint. Long considered too hard to grow vines, this tiny portion of the Terroir of Sancerre (12%) is now a fascination for most of the growers, who, when they have the chance to own a parcel on this soil, don't hesitate to bottle it separately to make their top cuvée.

This IGP *Vin de Pays du Val Loire* is produced on the plateau of flint and chalk few miles out of Saint-Satur. Yet a little outside the village it benefit from this unique micro-climate and even if not a Sancerre it is a wonderful introduction to the style for an affordable price.

SOIL TYPE _____

On the plateau surrounding the village of Saint-Satur. Mix of flint, clay and limestone.

VARIETAL _____

100 % Sauvignon Blanc. 10 to 40 years old vines.

CULTURE _____

Low yielding to ensure an optimum maturity. Organic farming of the vines with traditional ploughing of the soil. Green harvest and manual leaf thinning.

VINIFICATION _____

Alcoholic fermentation, with native yeasts, happens in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks followed by a maturation of 3 months on fine lees with "Bâtonnage" (racking) each week to keep the lees in contact with the wine. No malolactic. Bottled with light filtration.

TASTING NOTES _____

A genuine taste of Loire Sauvignon blanc with a lot of fresh fruit character dominated by lemon zest and pink grapefruit. The floral notes of honeysuckle bring a nice complexity, and the smoky finish brings you the sense of the place.

From the same Winery :

- Sancerre Blanc 2023 (JS92) - Sancerre Rouge 2020*
- Sancerre Blanc "Le Grand Roc" 2022 (WS93)*
- Sancerre Rouge "Le Grand Roc" 2016/2018*

