



DOMAINE GERARD FIOU *JUST FIOU "SAUVIGNON BLANC" 2024*



"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 benefits 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.

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Sancerre Blanc 2023 (JS92) - Sancerre Rouge 2020

Sancerre Blanc "Le Grand Roc" 2022 (WS93)

Sancerre Rouge "Le Grand Roc" 2016/2018

