

DOMAINE CUROT

Year Founded: 1860

Region: Sancerre, Loire Valley
France

Winemaker: Éric Louis

Known For: Éric's great-grandmother Pauline was an early pioneer in tending vines and bottling her own wines. Her hard work inspired each succeeding generation here in the Loire Valley, so much so that "Les Celliers de la Pauline" have rightfully earned a place in Sancerrois history.

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Winemaker Éric Louis can follow his roots in Sancerre as far back as 1860, when his great-grandmother Pauline was an early pioneer in tending vines and bottling her own wines. The Loire's leading white grape, Sauvignon Blanc, of course has remained the family's passion through the years. Today Éric, representing the family's fourth generation, cares for some 30 acres of hillside vineyards in the village



of Vinon, southeast of Sancerre, for his Domaine Curot wines. Éric Louis' exploration of greater Loire terroir brought him to Saint-Thibault, north of the village of Sancerre, to found Cave de Gortona. Here on the banks of the Loire, traces of an ancient Roman settlement point to an extensive viticultural history. Great terroir indeed! Here Sauvignon Blanc grows on alluvial soils, just outside the Sancerre appellation boundaries, fresh and refined and lively — offering excellent value for the quality. The team at Domaine Curot cares for vines sustainably, avoiding treatments and adhering to organic practices as much as possible. Beneficial herbs are planted between vine rows to help prevent erosion and contribute needed nutrients to the soils. The

vineyards in Vinon, southeast of Sancerre, are located on the region's rolling hills, alternating with forest and fields of cereal. Soils are mostly a combination of clay and limestone, with flint. Grapes are sorted both in the fields and the cellar, pressed then fermented on selected yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, and aged on fine lees. The estate follows the lunar calendar to determine optimal times to move or bottle the wines. No sulfur is added during vinification, and only a very small amount at bottling. Wines are lightly filtered.

2023 Sancerre Blanc

100% Sauvignon Blanc. Fermented on selected yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged in tank, with regular lees stirring, for 5 months. An expressive, lively Sancerre Blanc that captures everything we love about Sauvignon Blanc from this historic region in the Loire Valley! Limes and lemons, crushed oyster shells, a dash of white pepper, plenty of ripe yet balanced white fruit.

