

SANCERRE: Maulin Bèle ROUGE

Style

Red, Dry

Region

Loire

Wine Maker

André Vatan

Appellation

Sancerre, in the eastern Loire valley.

Cépage

100% Pinot Noir

Tasting Note

A pleasant raspberry bouquet supported by a vibrant, fruity palate. Juicy red berry flavours accompany cooler, minerally undertone

Serve

Charcuterie, poultry or goat's cheese.

Cellarage

Best drunk within 2-3 years of vintage.

Vinification

Ripe grapes from 30-year-old vines planted on calciferous soil are fully de-stalked before a 10 day cuvaison in stainless steel vats and a pneumatic pressing. The wine undergoes an alcoholic and malolactic fermentation prior to an eventual filtration and summer bottling.

History

The Vatan family owns 10 hectares of vines within the appellation of Sancerre and one hectare outside which is classified as a Vin de Pays du Cher. Nine-tenths of production is focused on Sauvignon Blanc, the remaining 10% on Pinot Noir, which yields a bright lively red and delicate coral coloured rosé. André inherited his vines from his father Jean and has cautiously expanded the business and invested in sophisticated new equipment. He is ably assisted by his wife Arielle and has no shortage of heirs with his children Aimée, Adrian and Antoine!

