

# SANCERRE: Maulin Bèle ROSÉ

## Style

Rosé, Dry

## Region

Loire

## Wine Maker

André Vatan

## Appellation

Sancerre, in the eastern Loire valley.

## Cépage

100% Pinot Noir

## Tasting Note

A beautiful pale (saignée) rosé with a classic nose of red berry-fruit and a crisp palate with juicy redcurrant flavours and an elegant, dry, long, lingering finish.

## Serve

Seafood, summer salads or as an aperitif.

## Cellarage

Best drunk within 2 years of vintage.

## Vinification

Takes place in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats after the grapes have been entirely de-stalked. The white grape juice rests overnight on the red grape skins, imparting a pale pink colour before the tank is 'bled' (hence the term saignée which is used for this method of rosé winemaking) the following day. The wine undergoes a cool fermentation prior to fining, filtering and a spring bottling.

## History

The Vatan family own 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!

