Vincent Pinard
vigneron

PROFILE

Based in the prestigious town of Bué, known for its Kimmeridgean terres blanches soils, Domaine Vincent Pinard continues a 20-generation tradition of winemaking in Sancerre. The current domaine, founded in 1996, is now helmed by Florent and Clémente, taking over from their father, Vincent. The winery is more innovative than ever before, while still maintaining the natural and biodynamic winemaking practices that have been followed for hundreds of years. Florent and Clément are laser-focused on creating wines with a sense of place, specializing on site-specific cuvées that are different expressions of this special terroir. Incorporating the use of new and used oak (an unusual form of elévage for Sauvignon Blanc), the Pinards are creating wines that have weight and depth, a far cry from the straightforward Sancerres produced by so many others.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Pinard Brothers Sancerre Rouge "Les Grands Champs"

Varietals: Pinot Noir

Appellation: Sancerre AOC

Location: Bué, directly south of the Chêne Marchand vineyard

Soil: Kimmeridgian

Exposure: South/southeast

Altitude: 250-275 meters

Vineyard Age: 27 years old

Agricultural Method: Organic, Natural, Biodynamic

Harvest: Hand harvest

Pruning: Guyot simple

Vinification: No sulfur added upon harvest. Gentle infusion in wooden vats. Aged in barrels for 17 to 20 months, depending on the vintage. Indigenous yeasts. No additives other than a small amount of volcanic sulfur (produced by the vineyard) at the blending stage. All wines are unfined and unfiltered. The wine may show a slight sediment—a sign of quality.