



# DOMAINE ROGER ET DIDIER

## « Les Belles Côtes » 2019

### AOC SANCERRE

#### ORIGIN

Loire Valley, France

#### APPELLATION

AOC Sancerre

#### VINEYARD

Vines planted on limestone and clay-limestone hills

#### BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc

#### WINEMAKING

Grapes gently pressed and vinified in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. The must is cold-settled for 24 hours.

#### AGING

Aged on lees until bottling

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13% Alc. |

Domaine Roger et Didier Rambault 'Les Belles Côtes' 2019 Sancerre opens with an unmistakable presence that places you within the Loire Valley. The aromas of citrus, white fruits, delicate florals and refreshing minerality possess the hypnotizing effects that bring you to your first sip. There, the palate is coated with a mouthwatering texture that is as vibrant as the nose and full of unmistakable character and finesse.

The Loire Valley's 2019 season was a vintage that gave can be characterized by the surprising freshness found throughout the wines. The growing season was warm and foreshadowed the beauty of the cuvées as soon as it began.

Made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc, Les Belles Cotes is a blend of two terroirs from different slopes. These hillsides face different directions, offering a magical aromatic variety of terroir expressions. The pebbly caillottes terroir drains water well, forcing the vine roots to seek humidity in the underlying limestone. This gives the wine a structured intensity and ripe fruit (SE-facing) along with citrus freshness (W-facing), while the terre blanche clay-limestone terroir provide richness and complexity (E-facing) and a fresh mineral finish (N-facing), creating a more long-lived wine. An incredible combination... Roger et Didier Raimbault's Sancerre Les Belles Cotes is indeed a remarkable expression of Sauvignon Blanc, typified by vivid and refreshing minerality.

Roger & Didier Raimbault's domaine is located in the Verdigny commune, right in the heart of the Sancerre wine region. The family has been growing vines for some 400 years, and owns 43 acres of vineyards on the sharp slopes of Verdigny and Sury en Vaux. These 500 to 1000 feet high hills rise in a slope of up to 40%, offering various sun exposures and terroirs giving authenticity and complexity to their wines. In order to fully express the terroir, vines are cultivated with great care, all year round. They use simple Guyot training and remove buds for greater vigor. Soils are worked to minimize herbicide use and grass is planted to fight erosion. With these methods, they try to maintain vigor in the vines in order to harvest healthy and well-balanced grapes. In their own words, "We cannot make a good wine with bad grapes".

#### ACCOLADES

2019 International Wine Report – 92 points

*"The 2019 'Les Belles Cotes' Sancerre shows wonderful characteristics of citrus, white peach, mineral, saline and floral notes that all come together in the glass. On the palate this possesses an absolutely gorgeous texture with remarkable balance and vibrant character throughout. Overall, the Les Belles Cotes is a fantastic showing, and while this is already drinking beautifully, it has also the potential to age for years to come."* -I.W.R.

