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Vins de Sancerre

Vendange du 7 octobre 2022
Vin de France

Vintage

The mild winter provokes an early budburst that occurs about 2 weeks ahead of a « normal » year. Warm and dry weather in May is providing ideal growing conditions for the vines that deliver a great performance to manage the vegetative growth. Perfect weather conditions as well for the flowering of the grape vines and finally, in June, welcomed rain arrives when already fears of drought start appearing. Everything's going fine during veraison and the temperatures remain high until harvest that starts on the last day of August. First juices reveal the characteristics of a solar vintage likely to remain nicely balanced when aging.

Terroir

A single plot, called 'Sur le Faits,' planted in the 1960s on a clay-limestone terroir.

Viticultural practices

Grass cover between the rows
Guyot Poussard pruning
Organic amendments since 1989 and treatments in compliance with organic certification standards
Hand-picking

The vines

Grape variety : sauvignon blanc
Planting density : 6800 vines/hectare
Harvested on October 7th with slight overripeness, but not botrytized

Vinification

Pressing carried out in a small pneumatic press
Settling after 48 hours
Fermentation and aging in a 12hl cask
Racking in early 2024
Wine neither fined nor filtered
Bottled in March 2024 with some remaining sugar, and therefore classified as 'Vin de France'.

Tasting notes

Visual : Bright golden yellow, golden hue

Nose : Expressive immediately on opening, releasing aromas of fig and quince. A rich and elegant aromatic profile rounded off by scents of candied apricot.

Palate : Generous and fleshy, yet not heavy at all, the palate is enhanced by delicate and lingering acidity. Top notes of fig jam provide a rich mouthfeel. Quince aromas then reappear, completed by a subtle hint of spices.

Serving temperature : 10°C

Ageing potential : 10 to 15 years

Food pairing : Grilled lobster with mango, honey glazed duck, ravioli with blue cheese
« fourme d'Ambert ».

