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VIGNERONS PAR PASSION DEPUIS 7 GÉNÉRATIONS

Sancerre Blanc 'Thauvenay'

- **Grape** : 100% Sauvignon Blanc
 - **Vineyard surface** : 2 Ha 80
 - **Soil** : complex chalky-Portlandian-flinty soil
 - **Exposition** : south-east
 - **Production** : Between 18 and 22 000 bottles depending on years
 - **Work in the vines** :
 - ~ Since 1980 : **abandonment of chemical fertiliser** on all of our vines.
 - ~ Since 2002 : **abandonment of herbicide** on all 21 Hectares of vines.
 - ~ Since 2006 : **abandonment of insecticide** on all 21 Hectares of vines.
 - ~ Mildew control : we use the bare minimum of fungicide, but not only copper, which we think the accumulation in the soils would be harmful for them in the long term.
 - ~ Rainwater collection to fight mildew with demineralised water and thus reduce as much as possible the dose used.
- The vines are lightly hoed and regularly **tilled by hand**. Only organic amendments officially agreed for Organic Farming are used at the end of autumn. **Treatments are reduced to bare necessities** in order to protect fauna and soils, which are crucial for an appropriate development of the vegetation.
- **Vinification** : fermentation in stainless steel tanks after cold settling, long conservation on very fine lees, cold tartaric precipitation, no malolactic fermentation, sulphite rate in accordance with biodynamic principles : $\leq 100\text{mg/l}$, suitable for vegans.
 - **Keeping** : 4 to 5 years, apogee from the 2nd year.
 - **Wine-master's advice** : Served alone at 12°C or on a platter of seafood, crustaceans, fish, poultry, white meat and cheese (Chavignol, goat and sheep's cheese, Comté).



Harvested on hard limestone and chalky-flinty soils this wine is to be drunk young.

*Its intensity, freshness and great minerality matches with a platter of **seafood** and **crustaceans**.*

*Excellent **aperitif**, it can be served with **Chavignol crottins**, **duck rillettes** and **rabbit terrine**.*

*It, also, goes well with **asparagus** and raw, stock, marinated or grilled **fish**.*



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Wine Enthusiast : 89/100 :

December 2020 : Sancerre Blanc 2019,

« From a seven-acre vineyard, this wine is full and ripe. It shows the richness and generosity of the vintage, giving hints of yellow fruits as well as plenty of fresh acidity. This generous wine is ready to drink from late 2020 » Roger Voss

2018	Vintage	2017	90/100
2016	Vintage	2014	90/100
2015	Vintage	2013	90/100
2015	Vintage	2012	92/100
2010	Vintage	2008	90/100
2006	Vintage	2004	85/100

Wein Plus 2020 :

Sancerre Blanc 2019 : 87/100,

« Cool, fresh, vegetal and delicate yeasty nose with very light yellow fruit notes as well as floral and chalky-mineral nuances. Clear, polished, elegantly juicy fruit, again quite cool looking, fresh vegetal and light floral nuances, yeasty notes, some chalk and salt in the background, a hint of red berries, delicate creamy, good to very good finish. »

Bettane & Desseuve Guide :

2020	Vintage	2018	15/20
2005	Vintage	2003	7 / 10
2004	Vintage	2002	6,5 / 10
2003	Vintage	2001	7 / 10

Concours des Grands Vins de France in Mâcon :

2015	Vintage	2014	Silver
2008	Vintage	2006	Silver
2000	Vintage	1999	Gold
1998	Vintage	1997	Bronze
1996	Vintage	1995	Bronze
1994	Vintage	1993	Silver
1993	Vintage	1992	Silver

Les Bonnes Affaires du Vin 2016, RVF Editions :

Sancerre Blanc "Thauvenay" 2014, 15,5/20 : « Rather generous and fleshy, this aromatic and vigorous wine arms itself with a firm weft. A solid Sancerre, to keep, created by this renowned estate of Pouilly ».

International Wine and Spirit Competition 2020:

Sancerre Blanc 2019: 87/100,

« Saline, savoury nose and fresh fruity palate with hints of salt and white pepper. »

2019	Vintage	2018	89/100
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IWC, International Wine Challenge 2020:

Sancerre Blanc 2019: 86/100,

«Vibrant herbs, lifted citrus and gooseberry, honest and tasty wine. »

2015	Vintage	2014	Silver Medal
2013	Vintage	2012	Bronze Medal

Hachette Guide :

2021	Vintage	2018	★
2013	Vintage	2011	quoted
2012	Vintage	2010	★★
2010	Vintage	2008	★
2008	Vintage	2006	quoted

The Sunday Times, 20.09.15 :

Sancerre Blanc "Thauvenay" 2014, 17,5/20 :

"Seven generations of growers have produced this wine made without chemical fertilizers, weed killers or insecticides. Attractive notes of acacia and white peach on the nose. Flavourful wine, with lots of character. Wickedly easy to drink."

Le Guide des Meilleurs Vins de France, La RVF :

"It gains more substance in 2014 and has nice long-tasting tastes on the palate"

2016	Vintage	2014	Commented above
2015	Vintage	2013	15/20
2014	Vintage	2011	13,5 / 20
2012	Vintage	2010	14 / 20
2011	Vintage	2009	14,5 / 20
2010	Vintage	2008	13,5 / 20
2009	Vintage	2007	13,5 / 20

Gault & Millau :

2015	Vintage	2013	15,5 / 20
2014	Vintage	2011	14 / 20
2010	Vintage	2008	15 / 20
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2007	Vintage	2005	15 / 20
2006	Vintage	2004	86 / 100
2005	Vintage	2003	86 / 100
2004	Vintage	2002	87 / 100
2003	Vintage	2001	87 / 100
1993	Vintage	1992	Silver