

DOMAINE LA CLEF DU RECIT

SANCERRE – LE CHÊNE FOURCHU

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Story

La Clef du Récit is located in Vinon, 7 km south of Sancerre. The Estate was taken over in 2012 by Anthony Girard, a dynamic young winemaker, after having the opportunity to purchase an 8.5 hectares of first class vineyards nearby the small village of Récy (hence the name) in the southern part of the appellation.

Today, the estate covers 16 hectares and produces Sancerre, Menetou-Salon and Quincy appellations, in the respect of the vine and the soils to find the balance reflecting the local terroir.

Farming philosophy : Sustainable (HVE 3)

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Sauvignon

Plot Size : 10.8 ha (26.7 acres)

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Elevation : 250-300m (820-985 ft)

Soils : Limestone

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot simple
- Control the harvest potential according to the size and the soils
- Depending on the vintage : covered crops or in-row tillage
- Organic fertilization
- No herbicide

Winemaking

- Mechanical harvest / Destemmed (100%)
- Pneumatic press
- Yeast : Indigenous and selected
- Fermentation : 50% in barrels & 50% in concrete amphoras (12hL) / 21 days at 60,8°F
- Aging : 12 months in barrels (50%) & concrete amphoras (50%) / on fine lees with lees stirring
- Fined : Yes (Bentonite)
- Filtration : Yes
- Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Named after a local landmark oak tree, this wine is richly endowed with chiseled white fruits blended with hints of apricots and finished with ripe, perfumed acidity.



Press ratings

92 pts Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast – 2019 vintage

92 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2018 vintage

90 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2017 vintage

French
Libération