

NICOLAS MILLET

SANCERRE – LE VALLON

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Story

With vineyards dating back to 1700s, Bernard and Pierre Millet created the domaine in the 1930's. They considered the soils perfectly adapted to vines and decided to start planting to produce grapes and wines of the highest quality.

Nicolas Millet (9th generation winemaker at the property) took over the estate in 2010. Nicolas continued the tradition and created a mosaic of 40 different plots, and a domaine of 19.25 hectares planted with Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir.

Farming philosophy : Organic (in conversion since 2021) and biodynamic

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Plot size : 0.32ha (.80 acres) located in Sancerre

Average age of the vines : 60 years

East Southeast facing

Elevation : 270m (885ft)

Soils : 100% Kimeridgian clay « terres blanches »

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot Pousard
- Debudding & green harvesting
- Regenerative agriculture (improve soil life, increase biodiversity, cover crop to sequester maximum CO2)
- No herbicides
- Decoction and infusion of plants (horsetail, nettle, willow)
- Use of the lunar calendar
- Organic treatments and fertilizers (compost)

Winemaking

- Mechanical harvest / Destemmed
- Slow Pneumatic press
- Cold settling : 5 days
- Yeast : Indigenous
- Fermentation : Temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks / 15 days - No malolactic fermentation
- Aging : 12 months demi muids acacia barrels/ on lees with regular stirring
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Light filtration
- SO2 Total : <100ppm No addition of sulfur during vinification
- Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

This wine displays a light, golden colour with green highlights. It is subtle on the nose with aromas of gun flint, Golden Delicious apple and green tomato leaf; the palate is well-balanced with a fresh mineral & lime finish.



Press ratings

92 pts – Editor's Choice Wine Enthusiast
2022 vintage