Pré Semelé

SANCERRE BLANC LA MONTEE DE ST-ROMBLE - 2022

REGION: FRANCE - LOIRE

PRÉ SEMELÉ

Domaine du Pré Semelé lies in a tiny valley a few miles northwest of the hilltop town of Sancerre. The estate is managed by the third generation of the family Raimbault, brothers Julien and Clément, vigneron and winemaker, respectively. They are guided by their father Rémy, who has worked their vineyards for decades with his brother Claude. This is another wonderful example of the younger generation taking over the reigns of a family estate and elevating it to a new higher level.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Small parcel on slope with Northern/Northwestern exposure in Sancerre.

- Vineyard Area: 2.4 acres / 1 ha
- Soil: Kimmeridgian marls with Kimmeridgian limestone subsoil
- Exposure: Northwest
- Vine Age: 50 years
- Organic vineyard management since 2018, no chemical herbicides, insecticides or anti-rot product
- Soils plowed, grass cover crops between rows

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested into crates
- No sulfur used at harvest
- 3.5 hour gentle pressing, each lot vinified separately
- 48 hours cold stabilization at 46ºF
- Fermented using only indigenous yeasts in temperature controlled casks, 600 liter barrels and amphorae for 12 months
- Aged 12 months on fine lees in same vessels
- Just 4 g/hl of sulfur used in ageing – mineral based, made by the winery
- Blended and racked to stainless steel tanks for 6 months
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered

Winemaker's Notes

Montée de Saint Romble may be the estate’s most straightforward cuvée, but with a little patience, it will express real emotion. It always features perfect balance, even in very warm vintages due to the slope’s northern exposure.

Technical Information

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- Alcohol: 13%
- Total Acidity: 4.04 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 0.67 g/l
- Total S02: 45 mg/l

GENERAL INFO

Country	France
Region	Loire Valley
Appellation(s)	Sancerre
Proprietors	Clément & Julien Raimbault
Founded	2001
Winemaker	Clement Raimbault
Annual Production	13,500 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable, farmed using organic principles