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Domaine Robert Cantin



Owner: Eric Louis

Country: France

Region: Loire Valley - Sancerre

Founded: 1860

Annual Production: 65,000cs

Description: Eric Louis is the 4th generation proprietor of Domaine Robert Cantin, a 100 acre estate located in Thouvenay at the southeastern edge of the Loire's famed Sancerre appellation. The domaine, which has farmed under sustainable principles for many years, has recently begun converting to fully organic production. The winemaking emphasizes quality with low yields and strict controls in the vineyards and cellar.

Wine Notes – 2020 Robert Cantin Sauvignon Blanc Les Grezes VdF

Robert Cantin's Vin de France Sauvignon Blanc is an Excellent Loire Valley cuvee that offers superb value for money. The grapes for this bottling are grown throughout the middle Loire Valley near Sancerre and Pouilly-Fume on clay-limestone soils. The average vine age is 25 years. The domaine's quality-driven winemaking starts with slow pressing of fruit picked in the early morning to maximize flavor extraction. A four-week temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel follows and helps develop the minerality of the wine. This is followed by four months of aging on lees in stainless steel to develop richness and length. The result is a pale gold gem that is true to its Loire Valley roots. A charming tropical fruit nose gives way to a zippy, fruit-driven palate with leading notes of passion fruit and mango with a hint of citrus.

Technical Specifications

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| Varietal Composition: | 100% Sauvignon Blanc |
| Vineyard Region: | Loire Valley |
| Vine Age / Density: | 25 years old, south-east facing / 6,600 vines per hectare |
| Production Volume: | 12,000 cases produced |
| Vineyard Characteristics: | Clay-limestone soils |
| Wine-Making / Vinification: | Mechanized harvest, biocontrol yeasts, slow gentle pressing of freshly-picked grapes to maximize fruit extraction. 4-week fermentation in 130 hl stainless steel, followed by 4 months of aging on fine lees to develop richness and length. Bottling after multiple tastings to ensure peak flavor development |
| Alcohol / Volume: | 12.5% |