

Domaine du Pré Semelé

SANCERRE BLANC - 2016

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REGION: FRANCE - LOIRE



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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.

GRAPES / SOILS

Sauvignon Blanc	Planted 1975 - 2014	Kimmeridgian chalk,
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

- Size of Vineyard: 14.46
- Soil Composition: Limestone and Clay
- Training Method: Taille Guyot
- Elevation: 280-320
- Vines/Acre: 6500-8500
- Yield/Acre: 65 hl/ha
- Exposure: North and South
- Year Vineyard Planted: 1960-2013

Harvest Notes

- The cuvée Classic is a blend of all our terroirs (2/3 kimmeridgian marl, 1/3 limestone), It is age in stainless steel during 6 to 10 months.
- Harvest Time: Mid-September to early October
- First Vintage of the wine: 1958
- Number of bottles Produced: 80,000
- Fermentation Container: Stainless steel
- Length of Alcoholic Fermentation: 15 days
- Fermentation Temperature: 18°C

Winemaker's Notes

- Although typical Sauvignon smell (blackcurrant buds, citrus fruits, yellow fruits), ample, supple, mineral and fruity on the palate.
- The liveliness is balanced against the sweetness due to a right ripeness.
- Smooth and fresh wine, served with grilled fish, seafood and even as an aperitif.

Technical Information

- Varietal Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- Alcohol: 13.0%
- pH Level: 3.25
- Residual Sugar: 0.41 g/L
- Acidity: 4.2 g/L
- Dry Extract: 19 g/L

REVIEWS

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91 Points - Wine Spectator, September, 2017

Bright, with a streak of lemon zest and white peach that has a piercing feel, backed by light thyme and gooseberry echoes on the racy finish. Very pure and chiseled in feel. Drink now through 2019.

GENERAL INFO

Country	France
Region	Loire Valley
Appellation(s)	Sancerre
Proprietors	Rémy, Clément & Julien Raimbault
Founded	2001
Winemaker	Clement Raimbault
Annual Production	7,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable