



DOMAINE du NOZAY  
SANCERRE

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## 2021 Le Paradis Sancerre



### STORY

This terroir is very rich in shell fossils and has the particularity of whitening as it dries, hence its local name of Terres Blanches "white lands". Being also sticky and very difficult to access when wet, it is also found under the term "big earth". This layer is a succession of very irregular thicknesses comprised of marl interspersed with limestone beds.

The 2021 vintage in Sancerre was challenging to say the least, resulting in yields of around 50% of a normal year. In April, an overwhelming frost damaged one third of the buds. The rain and high humidity of the summer added to the years challenges.

To compensate, a great deal of time was spent in the vineyard, so what was left was of great quality. The biodynamic vines in this vineyard fared better than those of neighboring vineyards that are not farmed the same way.

### VINEYARD NOTES

<b>Varietals:</b>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Age of Vines:</b>	30 years
<b>Exposure &amp; Elevation:</b>	240 meters high with a slope facing northeast
<b>Soil:</b>	Kimmeridgian marls - more calcareous on top of the slope and more clay at the bottom
<b>Viticulture:</b>	Organic & Biodynamic

### WINE NOTES

<b>Fermentation:</b>	Naturally in stainless steel barrel-shaped vats
<b>Aging:</b>	6 months in stainless steel barrel-shaped vats
<b>Fining &amp; Filtration:</b>	No fining and light lenticular filtration
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.77%
<b>Total SO<sub>2</sub>:</b>	43 mg/L

### TASTING NOTES

A brilliant and intense color with golden reflections distilling elegant and discreet aromas of lychee pink grapefruit, yellow lemon and especially sliced yellow peach. With an ideal acidity carried by an admirably structured body, its refreshing notes of pear in syrup, give it a certain pleasure on the palate.

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