



DOMAINE du NOZAY  
SANCERRE

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## 2022 LA PLANTE FROIDE

### WINERY

Le Nozay is a small 17th-century castle near Sainte Gemme en Sancerrois in Sancerre. In 1970, Baron Philippe de Benoist and his wife Marie-Hélène settled in Château du Nozay and created Domaine du Nozay. They planted the first hectare of Sauvignon Blanc in 1971, which they later expanded to 15 hectares. Philippe was joined by his son Cyril, who now heads the estate. The Domaine du Nozay has been certified in Organic Agriculture since 2011 and in Biodynamics since 2017. It is a family wine estate in Sancerre, surrounded by peace and tranquility. The resulting wines reflect this.

### WINE

Coming from the small climat of La Plante Froide in Sancerre, the vines are grown in Kimmeridgian marls with a large proportion of white calcareous stones, 220 meters high at the bottom of the Nozay's valley with slight eastern slopes. The grapes come only from the plot that bears the same name.

### VINEYARDS

The famous terroir of Sancerre, known as "Terres Blanches" (white lands), promotes self-defense and good health for the vine. Pruning, disbudding, and training techniques are used to create a favorable micro-climate. The soil is managed for the benefit of the biomass and the vine. The Domaine also experiments with sonic stimulation in the vineyards. Speaker towers emit tonal sequences

throughout the day to enhance sap circulation and overall plant health.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes from these vines are pressed with a pneumatic press, with the advantage of not "jostling" the marc and therefore obtaining a very clean must. Vinification takes place in stainless steel barrel-shaped vats, which last as long as possible, with no use of yeasts or superfluous additives. Time does its work while being, despite everything, closely watched.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Hot, dry conditions from April led to early budbreak and rapid growth, with flowering completed quickly by late May. Significant late-June rainfall helped vines withstand intense summer heat, while small early-September rains supported ripening. The result is an exceptional vintage, a welcome recovery after the losses of 2021.

### 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.

### VINEYARD

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Region:         | Loire Valley  |
| Appellation:    | Sancerre AOC  |
| Soil:           | Clay-Limestone  |
| Age/Exposure:   | 25 year-old vines<br>East exposure                    |
| Elevation:      | 220m  |
| Certifications: | Organic - Demeter, 2011<br>Biodynamic - Demeter, 2017 |

### WINEMAKING

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Varietals:     | 100% Sauvignon Blanc        |
| Harvest Date:  | September 14, 2022          |
| Aging:         | 7 months in stainless steel |
| Fining:        | None                        |
| Filtering:     | Light lenticular filtration |
| Bottling Date: | April 4, 2023               |

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

|                 |          |
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| Yeast:          | Native   |
| Alcohol:        | 12.8%    |
| Total Acidity:  | 3.12     |
| Residual Sugar: | 0.49 g/L |

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