

PHILIPPE RAIMBAULT

In Sancerre, just a short ride north of Verdigny, lies the village of Sury-en-Vaux, home to Philippe Raimbault, a ninth generation vintner. Owning vines on both sides of the Loire, in the Pouilly Fumé and Côteaux du Giennois appellations, Philippe has vines planted on steep slopes of les caillottes soil from the Jurassic period, an era that left behind fossils of sea creatures that are more than 130 million years old.

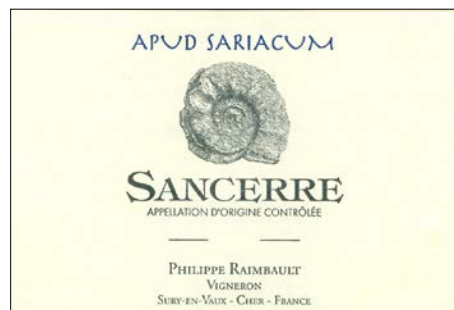


On steep slopes of Silex clay soils, Raimbault grows Sauvignon Blanc and for his Sancerre Rouge and Rosé, he grows Pinot Noir and Gamay. The producer of Sancerre “Apud Sariaicum” and Sancerre “Apud Sariaicum” Rosé, he named both after the ancient namesake of Sury-en-Vaux, because the vines encircle the village.

The Apud Sariaicum cuvee Sancerre is the most classic example of the steely minerality that everyone has come to love and expect from Sancerre. Les Lumeaux is sourced from the Pouilly-Fumé vineyard Montée des Lumeaux. The wine itself exhibits the natural characteristics of the limestone-clay terroir which is loaded with "caillottes" (pebbly chalk soil) and favored with an excellent southeastern exposure. Alternatively, Raimbault's "Mosaïque" is sourced from vines grown across several parcels of predominantly Kimmeridgian marl soil then blended for this cuvee. This "mosaic" of terroirs gives the wine its extraordinary balance.

Sancerre

“Apud Sariaicum”



Varietal/Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Farming: sustainable

Soil: limestone and clay *terre blanche*

Ave Year Vines Planted: 1985

Yeast: natural

Fermentation: whole-cluster pressed / temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel over 2-4 weeks

Aging: 12 months in tank

Sulfur: total 105mg/L

Vegan: yes

Alcohol: 12.5%

Fined: Bentonite

Filtered: yes

Country: France

Region: Loire

Sub Region: Sancerre

Vineyard: estate

Vineyard Size: 13ha

Production #s: 4,000 cases