

## Domaine Michel Vattan SANCERRE Rouge « BC » 2018

*After 2 difficult years in the Loire Valley, the vintage 2018 was a blessing. The only problem could have been the lack of water. There was no rain during July and August, so the vines suffered a bit but there were enough reserves in the soil thanks to the big rains during the Spring. Pascal Joulin was one of the first to harvest in order to preserve the balance between acidity, aromas and alcohol content. In that vintage Pascal also worked also a lot the soil which create some stree to it's Pinot Noir grape. The yield has been very low but the maturity and the balance of the grape was just amazing.*

The grapes (Pinot Noir) for this Sancerre are grown in Oxfordian limestone soils ("caillottes") on vines that are 35 years old on average. Grass has been grown between the rows for the last 15 years.

- Hand Harvested by 600 Liters bucket on sept 11<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of the Harvest.

### **Wine Making Process:**

Cold pre-fermentation maceration for 4 days in order to extract the colour and thus anticipate the start of fermentation, yeasting with RX 60. Fermentation for 12 days with pumping over and wetting adapted to the different stages of the vinification. Short vatting to seek the fruitiness of the grapes, without having a tannic extraction too important.

Aged at 50% in vat, 25% in new 500 Liters oak barrel and 25% in older oak barrel.

Natural malolactic fermentation in July and maturing on fine lees to round off the tannins. Late bottling after 17 months of ageing in order to have a supple and well-balanced wine

***" Our objective is to obtain a fruity wine with supple tannins, thanks to the rather short vinification while seeking a certain density thanks to the control of the yields and the grass between the vines which concentrate the grapes.." – Pascal Joulin – Wine maker and Owner***

### **Tasting Notes By Marie Thibault – Certified Oenologist**

The first nose opens with aromas of fresh fruit and spicy notes. After aeration, more ripe and greedy notes appear with a light side smoked and toasted.

The attack is rich and greedy. The middle of the mouth has a beautiful structure and a nice balance which comes with notes of liquorice and cherry. tannins are supple.

### **91 Wine Enthusiast – Roger Voss December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

Soft and fruity, this wine has a texture that has smoothed out into luscious blackberry flavors. Acidity and a hint of pepper add further interest to the forward fruitiness. Drink from 2021.

