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CHATEAU LA RABOTINE

Alban Roblin, Viticulteur, Sury-en-vaux (Cher)

Château La Rabotine - Alban Roblin • Sancerre

Alban and his wife took control of Château La Rabotine and its vineyards in 2010. What seems like a new wine venture is actually a continuation of an old one. The Roblins have cultivated this land in the northern Sury-en-Vaux sub-region of Sancerre since the 1920s. Alban is the grandson of celebrated vigneron, Georges Roblin, of the former Château de Maimbray. When Georges retired, Alban took over his family's vines, and he and his wife settled in at Château La Rabotine. The terrain of the domaine is a blanket of rocks and stones, exposed gentle hillsides, and old vines (well over 40 years). The region is singular due to its higher altitude (~280m) and the wind that funnels through the valley, acting like a hair dryer to the vines, minimizing problematic rot and disease. This remarkable setting allows Alban to farm organically without sacrificing the fitness of his fruit.

Sancerre Rosé Pinot Noir 2022

100% Pinot Noir sourced from the monopole "L'Erable." The fruit is hand picked for us, completely destemmed and bladder pressed. The juice then flows by gravity to a single steel tank, newly acquired for the U.S. An amazing blanket that wraps the tank enables temperature control of fermentation. The wine is bottled with only a light fining and no filtration. This is real Sancerre Rosé. No saignée, no slight of hand, no "Frankenwine" methods. Fresh and alive with fruits of Damson plum and whispers of huckleberry. Dry and 100% natural acidity. Zero additives. Length, body, finesse and balance. Bottled March, 2023.



Marl soils on a bed of limestone contribute generous fruit and acidity to Alban's Pinot Noir in L'Erable