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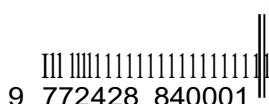
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Loire

Michel Vattan, Les «C-0» 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. On the nose, it is reserved at first and requires **aeration**. It then expresses the gourmand and sweet aromas of vanilla, candied yellow lemon, yellow peach, crushed orange and apricot, as well as a light toasted and calcareous (chalk) touch. There are also notes of white flowers (dried wildflowers, fresh acacia, linden) and dried lemon peel. The palate offers tension, a certain concentration and gourmandise. The attack offers notes of crisp yellow apple, ripe yellow lemon, crushed orange, as well as green apple, gooseberries, white peach and passion fruit, combined with a lactic hint of lemon yogurt, a touch of toast and brioche, as well as a **limestone mineral frame and a floral touch (acacia, linden)**. The finish is persistent, refreshing and slightly bitter (grapefruit), with a sharp acidity and a certain roundness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Philippe Raimbault, Apud Sarracum 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity, with slightly sweet touches of golden apple and candied lemon, combined with notes of **fresh lemon, fresh quince, passion fruit, as well as acacia, a very delicate aroma of flower honey** in the background and a limestone mineral framework. The palate offers a silky texture, with complexity and a hint of honey on the attack, complemented by notes of golden apple, green pear, candied lemon in the background, as well as fresh lemon, passion fruit and green apple. We also find the sweet side of acacia and apple blossom, as well as a mineral touch of limestone. The finish is quite persistent and offers a certain roundness and delicacy, refreshed by a good grapefruit bitterness and a salivating acidity. Good balance between delicacy, the fleshy side of the fruits, the mineral typicity and the freshness of citrus.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Philippe Raimbault, Les Godons 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is reserved at first, but after aeration, it expresses gourmand notes of crisp yellow apple, ripe yellow lemon, orange zest, green apple, gooseberries and passion fruit, combined with a chalky and a floral hint (acacia, linden infusion, apple blossoms). The palate is juicy, gourmand and enveloping, while remaining tangy and fresh. The attack offers notes of pineapple, passion fruit, crushed yellow lemon, gooseberries, grapefruit and pomelo. Then there are notes of limestone, dried wildflowers, apple blossoms, acacia, hay and quince. The finish combines fruity roundness, a chalky and mineral texture, slightly drying, as well as a lively salivating acidity and a good bitterness of grapefruit. A complete and precise wine.

Score: 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Domaine Fouassier «Sur le Fort» 2023

Sancerre

(biodynamic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is aromatic and expresses notes of tangy green fruits at the opening (green apple, green plum, gooseberries), combined with touches of ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit), as well as a **limestone mineral framework, a vegetal touch of cucumber and white flowers (apple blossom, hawthorn)**. The palate is generous, with a juicy and open attack, on notes of passion fruit and fresh pineapple. Then, we find green fruits (green apple, green pear, gooseberries) and citrus fruits (ripe lemon), as well as white flowers (apple blossom, hawthorn) and a racy, limestone mineral framework, with a chalky texture. The finish is chiseled, on notes of citrus fruits (lemon, lime), a touch of limestone and a **sharp acidity. A straight, expressive and typical wine.**

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Fouassier «Les Chasseignes» 2023

Sancerre

(biodynamic) The wine has a lemon yellow color of medium intensity. The nose is pure, **fruity and juicy. It expresses the gourmand aromas of kiwi, tangy apricot, gooseberries, passion fruit and ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit), as well as a tangy touch of green apple, a limestone minerality and an airy floral fragrance (hawthorn, white lilac in the background).** The palate is juicy and fruitily, fresh and slender. The attack opens with notes of grapefruit and its bitter touch, as well as a tangy frame of green apple and fresh lemon. Then, we smell the notes of kiwi, gooseberries and tangy apricot. The finish is quite persistent, with a trace of grapefruit bitterness and a racy minerality (limestone). Good balance between salivating acidity, a pleasant bitterness and the juiciness of stone fruits.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Fouassier «Les Romains» 2022

Sancerre

(biodynamic) The wine has a very pale lemon yellow color. The nose offers a certain **concentration, tension and a racy, smoky minerality** of limestone and flint terroir, which is expressed on the first nose. We then find the chiseled hint of citrus (lemon,

grapefruit, lime) and green fruits (green apple, green plum), associated with a hint of **acacia and gooseberries**. The palate is **gourmand, expressive, more open than the nose**. The attack is enveloping and juicy, while remaining fresh. It expresses notes of apricot and **white peach, complemented by a touch of citrus (crushed lemon, orange zest, a hint of candied lemon)**, crushed green apple and passion fruit, as well as a sweet touch of acacia. The finish is persistent and combines notes of green apple, green pear and limestone minerality. Complexity and a lovely freshness thanks to a lively acidity and a good grapefruit bitterness on the persistence.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Joseph Mellot, Les Vignes du Rocher 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is precise, chiseled and combines the gourmand side of white peach, crushed green apple and passion fruit, a **tangy frame of gooseberries and ripe lemon, as well as a limestone mineral frame and a fragrant floral bouquet (acacia, apple blossoms)** and a touch of honey. The palate reflects the aromas found on the nose: the attack is enveloping and oily, with a hint of honey and stone fruit. **On the mid-palate, we feel the notes of crushed lemon, passion fruit, gooseberries and white flowers (honeysuckle, acacia, apple blossoms).** The finish is persistent, tangy and at the same time gourmand. Beautiful salivating acidity and a good grapefruit bitterness that balance the profile of the wine.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Joseph Mellot, Domaine des Émois 2023

Sancerre

(organic) The wine has a pale lemon color. The nose is intense and fragrant: it opens with notes of yellow lemon zest, crushed grapefruit, yellow peach. Then, the aromas express floral notes (acacia, apple blossom), a mineral framework of limestone and a tangy touch of green apple and lime. The palate is sapid, fresh, tangy and slightly bitter. The attack offers a tangy framework of yellow lemon, gooseberries, a good grapefruit bitterness. In the mid-palate, the wine expresses the gourmand flavors of yellow peach and **apricot, while remaining lively and tangy. There are also floral notes of acacia and apple blossom, as well as a mineral touch of limestone.**

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Joseph Mellot, La Chatellenie 2023

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose expresses the typical aromas of Sauvignon Blanc on the flint terroir: lively and precise notes of yellow lemon, lime, citrus zest, a smoky and chalky mineral touch, combined with notes of green apple, gooseberries and white flowers (lime, apple blossoms). The palate offers a beautiful intensity of flavors and a lively and salivating tangy frame. We find notes of green apple, yellow lemon, gooseberries, yellow peach and apricot, as well as a limestone and smoky mineral frame and a floral bouquet (apple blossoms, acacia). Good persistence on the palate, gourmand and slightly bitter (grapefruit).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Joseph Mellot, La Grande Châtelaine 2022

Sancerre

The wine has a pale lemon yellow color. The nose is fleshy, juicy, complex and intense. It expresses notes of ripe and fresh yellow fruits (yellow peach, apricot), ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit), candied lemon peel, crushed green apple, acacia, as well as a delicate and integrated lactic touch (fresh butter, brown butter) associated with **notes of toasted brioche, toasted hazelnut and vanilla, complemented by a mineral framework of limestone.** The palate is savory, enveloping, with a gourmand and round texture. The attack offers flavors of juicy stone fruits (yellow peach, crushed apricot), as well as a **chiseled side of ripe citrus fruits (yellow lemon, blood orange, a good bitterness of grapefruit)**, crushed green apple and gooseberries. Then, the wine expresses flavors of white flowers (acacia, linden), honey, toasted brioche, as well as a lactic touch (brown butter, lemon yogurt) and wood (toasted hazelnut). Beautiful salivating acidity and a good length with a balancing bitterness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Roger & Didier Raimbault 2024

Sancerre

(Vat sample) The wine has a pale lemon yellow color, with slight green highlights. The nose is **aromatic, with tangy and gourmand fruits at the same time. It expresses notes of green apple, apricot, white peach, passion fruit and juicy pineapple, combined with white flowers (apple blossom, acacia), ripe citrus fruits (lemon, grapefruit) and a touch of limestone minerality.** The palate is lively, chiseled and fresh. The attack is tangy and **slightly bitter. It expresses notes of lemon, lemon zest, grapefruit, as well as green apple.** Then, we find flavors of tangy apricot, white peach and passion fruit, as well as apple blossom and a racy minerality on the persistence with a good bitterness. Good length and a lively and chiseled acidity.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)