

## HENRI BOURGEOIS PETIT BOURGEOIS SAUVIGNON BLANC

100% Sauvignon Blanc. Remarkably aromatic, with pleasant flower and fruit fragrances recalling the flower of the vine and the fruit of the Sauvignon, with citrus, apple, gooseberry and hints of passion fruit. On the palate it reveals a freshness and vivacity characteristic of grapes harvested at good maturity. Lively and bright. Here is an excellent aperitif that is also outstanding with fish, seafood, white meats or goat cheese.

The grapes come from the slopes of the Loire Valley formerly known as "The Garden of France" due to its temperate climate perfect for growing vegetables and, of course, vines. The kings of France used to have their castles and gardens there. This Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc ferments in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks at cool temperature in order to have longer fermentations and more intense aromas. The wine then matures for 3 months on its fine lees before bottling.

The Bourgeois family are tenth-generation winemakers. Although a sizeable operation, it has a real sense of pride and is a family business. Henri was the grandfather of the current generation, and the first to move from mixed agriculture to solely grapes and wine making. His sons Rémi and Jean-Marie expanded from the few hectares in Chavignol, seeking out the best parcels available in Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. The current generation, Arnaud, Jean-Christophe and Lionel, invested in a modern, gravity-fed winery and long-term contracts with the best growers in the area. At the same time as they expanded they focused on isolating the best micro-parcels, intensely studying the soil and plant life. While not certified organic, they grow grass in the rows, severely limit chemical intervention, and focus on healthy soil. Today the family grows 120 parcels of Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, spread out over 175 acres in the central Loire.

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## Tasting Note:

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## Shelf Talker:

