

# HENRI BOURGEOIS SANCERRE BLANC 'LES BARONNES'

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The hills and ridges separating the village of Chavignol from Sancerre are composed of clay and limestone (65% clay and 35% chalk). "Les Baronnes" dreferences the terroir, which gives the wine fruitiness and vivacity, along with the typical varietal aromas of ripe citrus fruits and white flowers. In order to preserve and develop its aromatic potential, the wine is fermented in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks at 59 – 65°F. Matured on its lees at cool temperatures for 5 months 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:*

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