

## HENRI BOURGEOIS SANCERRE ROSÉ 'LES JEUNES VIGNES'

100% Pinot Noir. This refreshing, very fruity rosé will seduce you with its bouquet of ripe red fruits. It's easy to drink and particularly well balanced. Beautiful as an aperitif or to accompany dishes throughout the meal. Try with salad or fish.

Splendid with Asian cuisine!

The Pinot Noir is a relatively fragile and demanding grape variety and needs well-drained soil and a temperate climate. That's why it flourishes on the chalky-clay slopes around Sancerre. Nevertheless it demands constant attention in order to produce this joyful and delicate rosé. "Les Jeunes Vignes" Sancerre Rosé is obtained by draining the Pinot Noir juice after 8 to 48 hours of cold maceration. The alcoholic fermentation is conducted in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks (59-65°F) followed by 3 to 4 months of maturation on its lees in order to produce more intense aromas.

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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