## VINCENT GAUDRY SANCERRE BLANC 'LE TOURNEBRIDE'

Old-Vine Sauvignon Blanc (planted from old massale selection). Vibrant aromas and flavors of flinty minerality, white flowers, citrus, peach, mint and a touch of fat. Fine, tense, precise, perfectly balanced and very fresh. Very long mineral finish with juicy grapefruit notes, depth and a full body. A complete, transparent expression of Sancerre. Organic/Biodynamic.

From three sites (in Verdigny, Sury-en-Vaux and Saint-Satur,) Sancerre, Loire Valley, France. The soil represents all three predominant Sancerre terroirs: *Caillotes* (limestone) in Verdigny, *Terres Blanches* (clay-limestone marl) in Sury-en-Vaux, and *Silex* (flint) in Saint-Satur. The vines are 40 years old. The grapes are harvested by hand in small crates before being destemmed. Spontaneous fermentation with natural yeasts in stainless steel tanks and large, used French foudres. Malolactic fermentation is spontaneous. Each parcel is picked at exactly the right moment and vinified individually, before being blended and aged on the fine lees without batonnage for 18 months. Bottled according to the lunar calendar, unfined and unfiltered.

Vincent Gaudry has been handcrafting some of the most essential, soulful wines of the Loire River Valley for over 30 years in his craftsman cellar in the tiny hamlet of Chambre near Sury-en-Vaux, Sancerre. Vincent is a true minimalist whose guiding principle is "Trust in Nature." The domaine was established by Vincent's grandfather, and Vincent was only 16 years old when he joined his father in the family business in 1991. Domaine Vincent Gaudry was among the first certified organic, as well as the *very* first certified biodynamic producer in Sancerre. Today, he and his wife Séverine farm 11 hectares of vineyards with organic, biodynamic, and regenerative practices. Driven by his deep respect for the wisdom of past generations of local vignerons, Gaudry's wines are inspired by history and, as a result, are among the most transparent, soulful, and authentic in the region. They are also amongst the most limited, due to his artisanal scale.

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## Tasting Note:

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