

Domaine Henry Natter

Sancerre



Sancerre 2017

The Natter family ferments and raises their Sancerre in old foudres, giving the wine a lovely roundness and elegance on the palate. Namesake Henry officially retired in 2016, with his son Vincent taking his place, but Henry's wife Cécile is also a trained oenologist and continues to work at the domaine, along with Vincent's sister Mathilde, so this is truly a family affair. Their 2017 version is excellent, wafting from the glass in a classy blend of gooseberry, green apple, lime blossoms, lovely chalky soil tones, very gentle grassiness and a hint of fresh-culled mint. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and vibrant, with a fine core, excellent soil signature and lovely focus and balance on the long, zesty and complex finish. This is very, very good Sancerre! 2018-2025+.

92 pts, John Gilman, A View from the Cellar #77, October 2018

Sancerre "Cuvée François de la Grange de Montigny" 2015

[This] is the family's old vine bottling, made from a parcel of fifty-plus year-old vines in their vineyards in Montigny. However, the Natter family also makes a selection of the best foudres of the old vines to be bottled up as this special cuvée, so not all of the old vines make it into the Cuvée François de la Grange de Montigny each year. Once the cellar selection has been settled on, this wine stays in its foudres for nine to twelve months prior to bottling and is designed for long cellaring. The 2015 version is excellent, offering up a deep and complex nose of lemon, tart orange, lovely botanicals, a great base Chavignol-like of limestone minerality, citrus peel and a bit of upper register smokiness. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and quite ripe in this vintage, with a rock solid core of fruit, fine focus and grip, good acids and impressive length on the complex finish. This is still fairly primary in personality and clearly is going to age very well indeed. Impressive juice. 2020-2035+.

92+ pts, John Gilman, A View from the Cellar #77, October 2018

Sancerre Rouge 2016

The 2016 Sancerre Rouge from Henry Natter is a fairly light color, harkening back to the style of the red wines here of yesteryear, but the light color is coupled with a wine of fine depth and intensity of flavor, and once the tannins here back off a bit, it is going to be a very tasty middleweight. The youthful nose offers up scents of cherries, quince, chalky soil tones, a bit of bonfire and fresh herbs. On the palate the wine is medium-full and tangy, with good soil signature, moderate tannins, bright acids and fine focus and grip on the long and promising finish. This will need three to five years in the cellar to blossom properly, but it will be a very good bottle once it is ready to drink. 2023-2050.

89 pts, John Gilman, A View from the Cellar #77, October 2018