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domaine Pellé

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# The Loire Wines to Know

I love wines that have precision and snap, wines that seem spring-loaded with freshness. That characteristic is a calling card for the Loire, and in particular for the lively dramatic wines below. The Loire is a big region, of course, but the through-line for the wines is a certain “thirst-quenchingness”—true of reds, as well as whites.

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### DOMAINE PELLÉ

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SANCERRE | LA CROIX AU GARDE

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100% sauvignon blanc

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This is the Ingrid Bergman of Sancerres—ravishing, polished, and effortlessly elegant. In great years, besides having perfect tension between acidity and fruit, the wine has a unique kind of purity and clarity, with absolutely vivid smoky/minerally flavors. Henry Pellé himself was considered one of the legendary masters of the sauvignon blanc grape, and now his family carries on, making wines that are widely admired. The Pellé estate is perhaps best known for its extraordinary, rich, dramatic Menetou-Salon, which is also where the estate is located.



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### MATTHIAS ET EMILE ROBLIN

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SANCERRE | AMMONITES

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100% sauvignon blanc

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I could not write notes fast enough when I tasted the Matthias and Emile Roblin wines—creamy yet tight; spicy yet herbal; peppery yet salty; turbulent yet refined; flashy and focused, with not a whit of fat on their bones. Best of all, the wines were evocative of the ocean—with rolling waves of seawater-like, briny flavors. Among the slew of terrific wines they make, this one, named Ammonites for the large seashell fossils in the vineyard, is most memorable.

