

DOMAINE EMILE BALLAND

Loire Valley | France

THE STORY

Domaine Émile Balland, a boutique estate in the Loire Valley, reflects a family legacy of winemaking dating back to 1650. Established in 1999, Émile Balland cultivates just one hectare of vines in Sancerre, focusing on expressing the region's distinctive terroir.

The "Croq'Caillotte" Sancerre Blanc is a testament to this commitment. The name, translating to "Crunchy Pebbles," highlights the vineyard's limestone-rich soils, known as "caillottes," which contribute to the wine's characteristic minerality. These steep, south-facing slopes in Amigny provide optimal sun exposure, enhancing grape ripeness and flavour development.

In the cellar, Balland employs minimal intervention techniques to preserve the purity of the fruit. Fermentation and aging occur in stainless steel tanks, maintaining the wine's crispness and vibrant character. The resulting wine has aromas of citrus and green apple, complemented by a flinty undertone. On the palate, it delivers a harmonious balance of zesty acidity and a silky texture, leading to a refreshing finish.

This elegant Sauvignon Blanc pairs beautifully with dishes such as fresh seafood, goat cheese, or light poultry, making it a versatile addition to any wine list.

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Sancerre Blanc Croq’caillotte

Type	White	Vintage	2022
Alc.	12.5%		

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