

# Domaine Fouassier

## L'Étourneau Sancerre Rosé

100% Pinot Noir

"L'Étourneau" is a name locals use to describe the small swallow-like birds that feast on the grapes in this particular single-vineyard. This effort by Domaine Fouassier is sourced from a tiny 1 hectare estate-owned parcel with vines over 30 years of age. Low yields, certified organic farming, and non-interventionist winemaking create a truly special bottle. Drink immediately and over the next 12 months.

### Tasting Notes:

Salmon in color, with an almost onion skin tint to the edge. Bouquet of strawberries, raspberries and redcurrant intertwined with citrus and floral aromas. This intense, well-balanced, light, crisp and juicy rosé has bright acidity, good purity and a clean, dry finish. Compliments Loire Valley cuisine stalwarts like trout beurre blanc, pork rillettes, and goat cheese

### Vineyards:

Region: Sancerre, Loire Valley, France  
Vineyard Name: L'Étourneau  
Year Planted: 1979  
Soil Composition: Primarily limestone, with some Kimmeridgian clay and flint deposits  
Training Method: Simple Guyot  
Planting density: 7,500 vines/hectare  
Elevation: 310 meters  
Exposure: Southern  
Practices: Fully sustainable + certified organic and biodynamic

### Winemaking:

Harvest: Manually-harvested all of September as different blocks achieve optimal ripeness.  
Fermentation: After gentle pressing of newly harvested grapes, the wine is left on the skins to macerate for 36 hours before transfer to stainless steel tanks where a traditional cold fermentation occurs. Native ambient yeasts kick-start the fermentation. To further harness inherent freshness, minerality, and acidity - the malolactic process is utilized. The wine rests on its fine lees in tank for a few months before bottling and release.

### Technical Data:

Alcohol: 13.0%  
Acidity: 2.96 grams/L  
Residual Sugar: 2.28 grams/L  
pH: 3.29

### Production:

Total cases: 2,200  
Imported: 360



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