



## Introducing Eric Montintin Grower Producer in Sancerre

For many years, I imported the wines of Richard Bourgeois, who recently sold his vineyards to his Uncle. On my last trip to Sancerre I met Eric Montintin at a restaurant and he asked if I would like to taste his wines. Eric farms 1 1/2 hectares in Sancerre, with vines also in Quincy, and Menetou Salon, as well as Vin de Pays Sauvignon production.

His winery is located in Savigny-en-Sancerre, which is just 10 KM north from the town of Sancerre. His wines show the characteristic minerality of the chalky soil, and has the grapefruit, lemon/ lime flavors I prefer to some that are grassy.

Eric started with a small vineyard rental 10 years ago after returning from a stint as a wine-buyer for a UK Wine Merchant. He has grown his business quite a bit in Europe, and is only just exporting to the US for the first time.

Sancerre will always be the “Queen” in my book, but with this economy, Monsieur Montintin’s VDP table wine, at half the price of Sancerre, with a lot of the same character is interesting for the consumer, since the vineyard is less than 500 meters away from an AOC.



**90** **Eric Montintin Sancerre 2009 \$20** This superfresh white offers straw, lemon zest and quince flavors that extend through the finish, while fleur de sel and flint notes add a riveting feel underneath. Drink now through 2011. 5,000 cases made.—J.M.