HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Sancerre Prestige, Domaine Sylvain Bailly

Price	£25.49
Code	SANC490

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Tasting Notes:

Pale gold colour that is clear and bright. On the nose the wine has powerful mineral notes, with white flowers, peach and a touch of vanilla. On tasting it is rounded and unctuous, with honeyed notes, herbs and citrus as well as intense minerality.



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Specification	
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ABV	13%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now
Country	France
Region	Loire Valley
Type	White Wine
Grapes	Sauvignon Blanc
Genres	Fine Wine
Vintage	2023
Style	Dry
Body	Zesty, zingy and refreshing
Producer	Domaine Sylvain Bailly
Producer Overview	Dynamic Jacques Bailly (heir to a winemaking tradition going back to the 1700s) and wife Marie-Hélène cultivate an array of coveted vineyards around Bué in the eastern Loire appellation of Sancerre, including a plot originally called 'Choix Marchand', source of wines merchants kept for themselves.
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	Drink with Lobster or fish in a buttery sauce or Foie-gras.
Press Comments	Highly Commended Wine Merchant Top 100, 2026: "Rich, waxy nose; banana and a touch of passion fruit – an impressive, rounded wine."