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## It's Time to Get to Know the Loire Valley Beyond Sancerre

*If the only thing you know about the Loire is Sancerre, you're sorely missing out. Here's where to start.*



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### **Domaine Roc de l'Abbaye 2022 Rouge Pinot Noir (Sancerre)**

90 Points

Dried herbs and blackberry open the nose of this savory wine that also dips its toe in a pool of black raspberry, black olive and strawberry stem. Graphite notes lead on the attack followed by cranberry and red cherry skin that contribute to a distinct tartness on the finish. Pair with potato soups, latkes and tofu stir fries. — R.S.

**\$43 at Mr. D Wine Merchants**

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