

Part of the Meilleurs Terroirs range

SANCERRE

Red - 2015

Supple and fruity

« THE EXPRESSION OF THREE SANCERRE TERROIRS »

We blend three terroirs that are typical of the Sancerre appellation to make this red wine. Each one has its own special characteristics. The flint stone offers ageing potential and length on the palate with evolving aromas: flinty notes and burnt powder in the wine's youth; chocolate, spices and leather with age. The terres blanches (white soils) bring about roundness and strength; the Caillettes (hard limestone) and the Griottes (soft limestone), provide structure, freshness, and fresh fruit aromas, like cherries in brandy, red currant, raspberries and black berries, as well as silky tannins.

VINE-GROWING AND WINEMAKING

Grape variety: Pinot Noir

Soils/Terroirs: Chalky-clay, flinty-clay, and white soil.

Vinification details:

The harvest is hand picked and hand sorted. The berries are then macerated in vats at a cool temperature before the fermentation phase, in view of extracting the wine's fruity potential and softening its tannins. It is then fermented for a period of 3 to 5 weeks. 70% of the wine is matured in oak casks and 30% in vats for a period of 12 months. It is then blended and matured for a further year in vats.

Maturing period: 2 years

THE VINEYARD

Our vineyard is situated in several districts within the appellation area: Sancerre, Bué, Crézancy, Thauvenay and Ménétreol. The three terroirs characterizing the Sancerre appellation are therefore represented: white soils, flint stone and limestone. Each parcel expresses its unique typical style: minerality, fruit, fat or even roundness.

TASTING NOTES

COLOR 
Intense ruby tints.

AROMAS 
Intense with aromas of well ripened fruits, spices and dark chocolate.

ON THE PALATE 
Frank, ample and rich attack. Persistent and silky in the mouth, with aromas of black cherry and Moka. Structured tannins. Fresh and open finish, dominated by aromas of spices and plum.

FOOD PAIRING

As an aperitif.
With barbecues, meat,
cow's milk cheese.

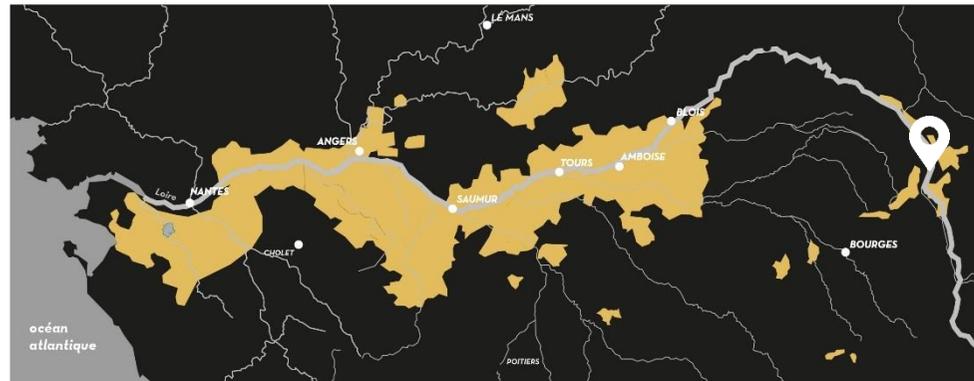
Serving temperature:
Between 16 to 18°C



Meilleurs Terroirs, where Great Wines are born ...

Comprising many exceptional castles, the Loire Valley is also called the Valley of the Kings. It was the crucible of France's art of living and power, and is without a doubt the cradle of high quality wines. Meilleurs Terroirs is the portfolio of brands, specializing in great wines derived from the region's most well-known terroirs. Such as Chateau de Sancerre, Chateau la Varière, Domaine de la Perruche... exceptional wines from great chateaux and estates, which have built the reputation of our finest appellations.

Loire Valley wines flourish in a **unique cultural landscape**, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Loire Valley vineyard extends over 65,000 hectares within 4 regions – Pays Nantais, Anjou-Saumur, Touraine and Centre Loire. All and all, this wine route represents a distance of 800 km.



"The Loire Valley is France's 3rd largest winegrowing region. Stretching from the Atlantic coast to the Centre region, it is a point of equilibrium, where north meets south, sophistication meets freshness, art meets literature, and tradition meets modernity. These harmonious contrasts - plus the generally temperate climate and extraordinarily varied terroirs - have produced the world's most diverse array of wines. As a result, France's longest river is capable of providing a rich selection of over 50 still and sparkling AOP and PGI wines and over 10 varieties (Chenin, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Melon de Bourgogne, Cabernet Franc...). All of the wines are in the nature of the Loire Valley."

ABOUT CHATEAU DE SANCERRE **« A MOMENT SUSPENDED BY THE BEAUTY OF OUR SENSES »**

Situated at the very heart of the town with the same name, Chateau de Sancerre is one of the few French chateaux called after an appellation. The history of the estate has marked the area, especially thanks to Louis de Sancerre, at once Constable and Marshal of France (1342-1402). As of 1919, the property's vineyard grew and currently represents 55 hectares. Chateau de Sancerre's wines are vinified, matured and bottled on-site. The diversity of the parcels, comprising white soils, flint stone and limestone is perfectly well mastered in view of adapting the vine-growing to each terroir. The art of blending is carefully undertaken in keeping with Louis de Sancerre's motto - "Overtake the very best". Our Sancerre wines are renowned worldwide and satisfy the finest connoisseurs.

Refined - Rare - Elitist

