

DOMAINE PIERRE CHERRIER ET FILS

Sancerre Blanc 'La Croix Poignant'

The Cherrier family has been a trusted name in Sancerre since the late 1800s. Here in Chaudoux, north of the village of Sancerre proper, Sauvignon Blanc is equally in its element: soils are a refined mix of flint and chalk, a terroir marriage that makes the best Sancerre so vibrant. Today it is Pierre Cherrier's sons, François and Jean-Marie, who have taken winemaking at this generations-deep estate to a whole new level, with terroir-true wines that are stunning values for their high quality.

WINERY: Domaine Pierre Cherrier et Fils

WINEMAKERS: François and Jean-Marie Cherrier (brothers)

ESTABLISHED: 1927

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Chaudoux

APPELLATION: Sancerre AOC

BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

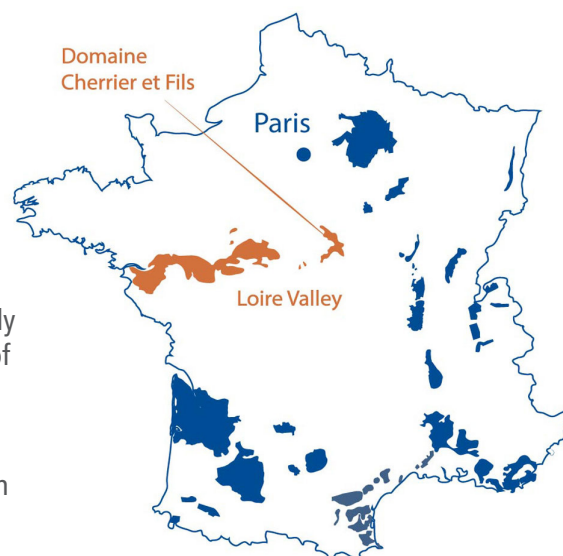
VINEYARDS: 'La Croix Poignant' is a single-vineyard selection of primarily older vines. Soils are the classic Loire "terres blanches," a combination of clay and chalk, plus flint stone.

AGE OF VINES: 25 years on average, with some 70 years old

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed and pressed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in tank on fine lees.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of citrus zest, lime juice, crushed stones, sea spray, preserved lemons. Richly aromatic, light on the tongue. Fresh notes of citrus, white fruit, fresh hay.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif; with regional goat's cheese; air-dried saucisson; fresh spring vegetables



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