

DOMAINE PIERRE CHERRIER ET FILS

Sancerre Rosé 'La Croix Poignant'

The Cherrier family has been a trusted name in the Loire Valley since the late 1800s. In the village of Chaudoux, the family's home just 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. This winemaking duo let their curiosity take them to neighboring appellation Menetou-Salon, where Sauvignon Blanc delivers more intense flavors with a lighter, more refined texture.

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% Pinot Noir

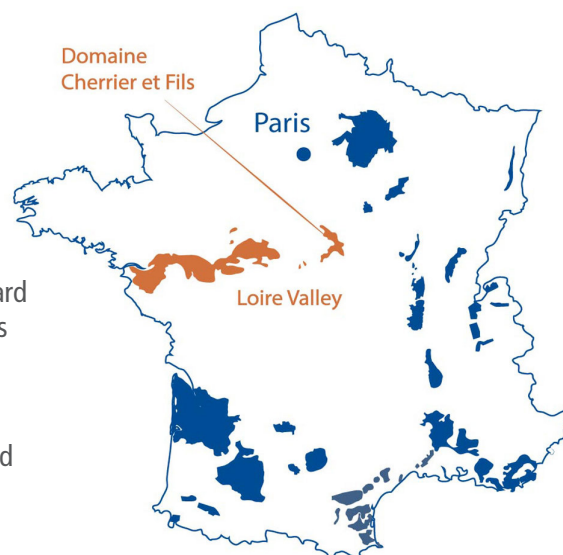
VINEYARDS: A selection of fruit from 'La Croix Poignant,' a single-vineyard with classic Loire "terres blanches," a combination of clay and chalk, plus flint stone.

AGE OF VINES: 20 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Rosé de pressurage (red grapes pressed directly, extracting a light blush color from the skins) and fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of light spice, red berries, red plum skin, wild strawberries, blood orange. Fresh, mineral, refined.

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



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