

DOMAINE PIERRE CHERRIER ET FILS

Sancerre Rouge

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 (as well as refined Pinot Noir) are in their element: soils are a heady mix of flint and chalk, a terroir marriage that makes the best Sancerre wines 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% Pinot Noir

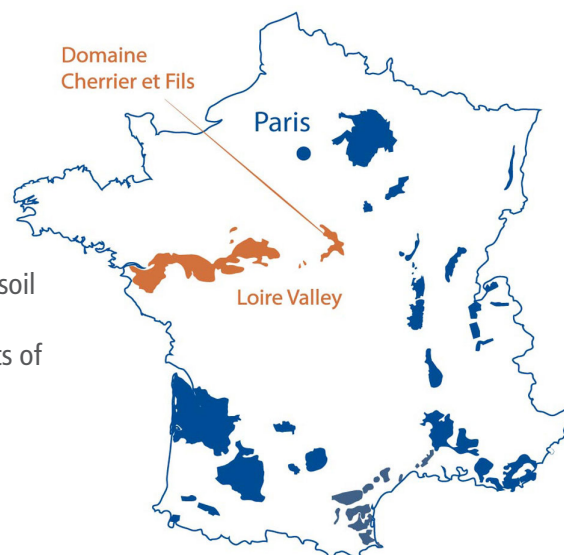
VINEYARDS: A selection of fruit from estate parcels with three different soil types: "silex" or flint stone; "terres blanches," a combination of clay and chalk that is unique to the region; and "caillottes," clay-rich soils with lots of stones.

AGE OF VINES: 20-40 years

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

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red and black cherry, red plum, light spice, crushed stones. Medium-bodied, balanced, suave

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif, lightly chilled; pork sausages, roasted chicken, wild mushroom quiche



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