

Part of the Meilleurs Terroirs selection

## Sancerre Red - 2018

*Rich and sunny*

### «The expression of Sancerre's three terroirs»

This red Sancerre is a blend of the three terroirs characterizing the Appellation. Each one has its own special features. Flint-stone provides ageing potential and length on the palate with aromas evolving over time: flint-stone and burnt powder in its youth; chocolate, spices and leather later on. The white soils bring about roundness and strength; the hard and soft limestones offer structure, freshness and fresh fruity aromas like cherries in brandy, red currants, raspberries and black berries, as well as silky tannins.

#### From the vines to the cellar

**Grape variety:** Pinot Noir

**Soils/Terroirs:** Chalky-clay, flint-stone clay, and white-colored soils.

**Winemaking and special features:** The harvest is picked and sorted by hand. The grape berries are then placed in vats to undergo a cold prefermented maceration to fully reveal the wine's fruity potential and to soften the tannins. The fermentation then lasts for 3 to 5 weeks in thermo-regulated vats.

**Maturing period:** 70% of the wine is matured in vats and 30% in 400-L oak casks.

#### The vineyard

Our vineyard is located in several districts within the Appellation area: Sancerre, Bué, Crézancy, Thauvenay and Ménétreol. It brings together the Sancerre Appellation's three typical terroirs: white soils, flint-stone and limestone.

Each parcel provides distinctive character: minerality, fruit, fat or roundness.

#### Tasting notes

**Color**   
Dark garnet color.

**Aromas**   
Fruity evoking black currant, blackberry and cherry jam, as well as toasty notes and cocoa.

**Palate**   
Crisp and full bodied. Good roundness, with very well ripened fruit, evoking jam. Warm and smooth finish. Nice well melted tannins offering structure.

**Food pairing:**  
Hard cheeses (comté, beaufort)

**Serving temperature:**  
Between 16 and 18 degrees

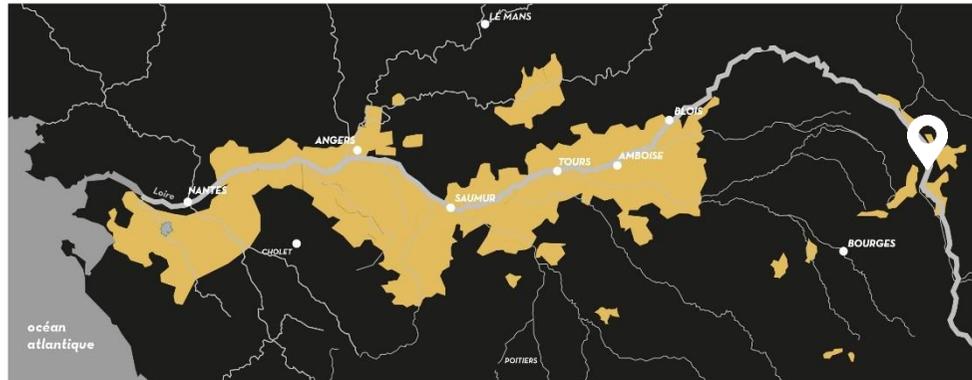
**Ageing potential:**  
10 years



## *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.

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