

THE SOURCE FRANÇOIS CROCHET LOIRE VALLEY



2023 SANCERRE BLANC

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

After enology studies and stints at many wineries (highlighted by Domaine Bruno Clair), François took over his father's Sancerre winery in Bué. Approximately 11 hectares on 30 parcels display a range of aspects from flat to steep, and north to south. Most of the grapes are the lieux-dits Le Petit Chemarin, Le Grand Chemarin, Le Che?ne Marchand and Les Exils. Organic certified and working with biodynamic methods, the terroirs range between Kimmeridgian limestone marls, silex, various other limestone formations, and iron-rich clay. He's one of the first growers in the appellation to pick, and the whites are whole cluster pressed and fermented and aged in steel or old tronconic oak vats. François' Sancerre Rosé made entirely from Pinot Noir undergoes a short maceration with the fermentation and aging in steel. While a master of white, his reds are also revered in his appellation and are fermented in stainless and aged in old tronconic oak vats. They're unfinned, lightly filtered, and contain added SO2.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Sancerre (blanc) comes from many parcels in Bué (including the lieux-dits Petit Chemarin, Grand Chemarin and Le Chêne Marchand) on soft to steep slopes facing in all directions between 210-280 meters on limestone, chalk and flint bedrocks and rocky topsoils with red, brown, and white clay.

CELLAR NOTES

Whole-cluster pressed and cold settled overnight, followed by a natural fermentation and aging for up to 10 months in various containers (depending on the year and taste of the grapes) between steel, old oak tronconic (vertical) oak, concrete vats and egg-shaped vessels.

