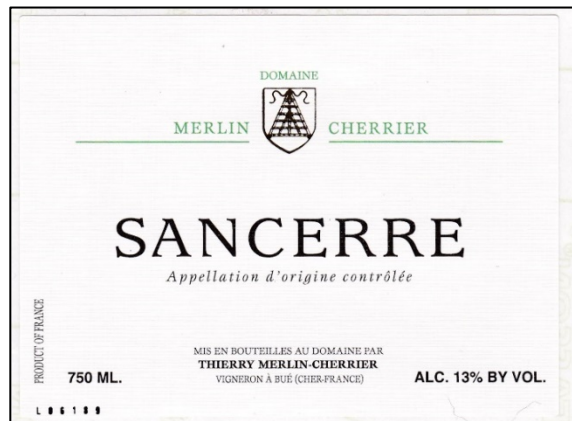


Domaine Merlin-Cherrier

Sancerre



Sancerre Rouge 2018

Thierry Merlin's 2018 Sancerre Rouge comes in at an even thirteen percent octane and is a refined and quite classic example of the vintage. These vines were planted in the 1970s and 1980s, in more clay soils found at the base of the Chêne Marchand vineyard in Bué, so they are now in their prime today. The 2018 version offers up a deep and black fruity bouquet of black cherries, sweet dark berries, a lovely touch of spice tones, raw cocoa, chalky soil elements (that seem likely to turn autumnal fairly briskly), a dollop of fresh herbs and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and quite elegant in profile, with a fine core of fruit, excellent soil undertow, ripe, well-measured tannins and a long, focused and tangy finish. This is going to be lovely juice. 2026-2050.

91 pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2021