



## MERLIN CHERRIER SANCERRE CHÊNE MARCHAND

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Vintage '59 began working with Merlin Cherrier in 1997, its first handshake contract. In 2022 Thierry Merlin handed the reins to his daughter Agathe, the 5th generation Merlin. The domaine has 32 acres spread across 30 parcels, almost all of which are in Bué.

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### VINEYARD



**Site:** Bué occupies a small pocket canyon immediately west of the hilltop town of Sancerre. The horseshoe ring of hills rising above the village is covered in vines. Chêne Marchand is Bué's unofficial *grand cru* and its crown jewel, growing on the small western plateau above the village.

**Soil:** The limestone soil here is especially rocky—*caillottes*, Oxfordian limestone's stony marl.

**Vines:** From two parcels of mature vines totaling two acres (out of the lieu-dit's 30).

**Varieties:** Sauvignon Blanc.

### CELLAR

**Vinification & Aging:** Ferments are spontaneous and *élevage* takes place in vat where the wine rests on its fine lees for 12-18 months. No fining or cold stabilization, and only a light filtration at bottling.

**Production:** Production averages 550 cases.

**Profile:** An elegant, long and savory rendition of Sauvignon Blanc.