



MERLIN CHERRIER SANCERRE ROUGE

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 who is farming more progressively. The domaine has 32 acres spread across 30 parcels, almost all of which are in Bué.



VINEYARD

- Site:** Les Rimbardes east of Bué, near the border of Sancerre.
- Soil:** Heavy clay over limestone base.
- Vines:** From two parcels of just under 4 acres of mature vines planted in 1964 and 1988 with *sélection massale* vines from Irancy.
- Varieties:** Pinot Noir.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Ferments are helped along with a neutral starter yeast and élevage takes place mostly in tank with a smaller amount in older 600L barrels.
- Production:** Production averages 500 cases.
- Profile:** A juicy red chock full of cherry notes and a smoky finish.