



MERLIN CHERRIER SANCERRE ROUGE

Vintage '59 began working with Merlin Cherrier in 1997, its first handshake contract. In 2021 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. Hand harvested.
- Varieties:** Pinot Noir.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Ferments are spontaneous in a large oak upright, and élevage takes place in that upright as well as in 300L and 600L barrels and a portion in steel tank.
- Production:** Production averages 650 cases in a normal year.
- Profile:** A juicy red chock full of cherry notes and a smoky finish.