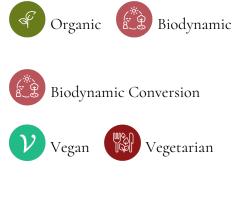


Sancerre Le Chene Marchand, Domaine Francois Crochet Loire Valley, France



Product code	FT02ZZWC
Grapes	Sauvignon Blanc
Country	FRANCE
ABV%	12.92
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Domaine Francois
	Crochet
Vintage	2023





Producer

Based in the village of Bué, in the south-western corner of the Sancerre appellation, François Crochet marches to the beat of a different drum. The majority of his 11 ha domaine is planted on chalky limestone (locally described as Caillotes) whilst the rest is on a blend of clay and chalk, known as Terres Blanches. Farming is organic. In the cellar, the envelope is pushed to gain every inch of flavour and precision and François has recently begun doing some fermenting in ovoid tanks in order to add more weight to the wines. With minimum intervention, the results are extraordinary; richer and rounder than traditional Sancerre but with superb, underlying freshness and minerality.

Tasting Notes

Aristocratic mineral notes, friendly but taut citrus and white stone fruits, sweet herbs, fresh grasses. Purity and laser-sharp focus. A very fresh, pure and aromatic wine. This Sancerre is complexand concentrated with gooseberry, blackcurrant leaf and hints of honey overlaid with minerality and held tightly byacore of acidity. The finish is elegant and long with flint and ripe apple leaving alasting impression

Winemaking

Whole grape pressing combined with as equential program allow averygentle extraction of the juice. Afterasettling period the juice is racked and the alcoholic fermentation takes place both in oak vats. When completed the wine is matured on its fine lees for 10 to 11 months. Then alight filtration is performed on cellulose plates before the bottling takes place.

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