

# SANCERRE - Cuvée Silex - MICHEL THOMAS

## Loire Valley



### APPELLATION

The Loire Valley Vineyard is one of 13 wine-making regions of France and one of the 16 great French vineyards, and the largest.

### WINE ESTATE

Michel Thomas and his son Laurent took over the estate in 1970 from Michel's father, who started in 1946. The total production is about 10,000-12,000 cases per year. They are now a pretty well-known producer constantly highly rated by Robert Parker. At Egrots is a little hamlet in Sury en Vaux, about 4 kms from Sancerre, Michel and Laurent Thomas have a Vineyard of 17 hectares, planted on three different types of soil. The soil used determinates the nature of the wine, with a high limestone content to the soil such as here; offering a fruity and fine wine; more suited to being drunk at an early age. The clay soil offers the wine a deeper texture that allows them to be laid down for some time. The hardest form of soil produces a wine rich in minerals and fruity aromas that can be laid down for many years.

### TERROIR & VARIETAL

- **Grape:** 100% Sauvignon
- **Terroir:** Today they farm 40 parcels located in four villages, totaling 17 hectares (42 acres): 11 hectares Sauvignon, 6 hectares Pinot Noir. They grow grapes on three soil types: 40% Terre Blanche-Argilo-Calcaire, 40% Caillottes-calcaire, and 20% Le Roc-Silex.
- **Alcohol:** 13%
- **Vinification:** Traditional vinification in thermo-regulated vats

### TASTING AND FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy ideally with the fish, can also be drunk at the aperitif and with chavignol cheese.

