

SANCERRE - Le Chant du Merle - 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.

