



# DOMAINE VACHERON

## Sancerre Chambrates

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Domaine Vacheron is one of Sancerre's elite properties, producing both white, pink, and red Sancerre of amazing purity and definition. The domaine has been completely converted to biodynamic farming (certified by Biodyvin in 2005) with two young cousins, Jean-Laurent and Jean-Dominique Vacheron, at the helm. No synthetic material is used in the vineyard, harvests are carried out exclusively by hand, and the only fertilizer used is produced from the compost pile. Yields are kept extremely low. Having inherited some of the most coveted parcels in the appellation (and being smart about current land purchases), the cousins are trying a Burgundian approach to Sancerre winemaking, with parcels being vinified by terroir and blends varying from year to year. Pinot Noir is not an afterthought chez Vacheron, but a focus, and on soils just a couple of hours west of Burgundy, the cousins are making grand, expressive bottlings from the variety.

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### ORIGIN

*France*

### APPELLATION

*Sancerre*

### SOIL

*Limestone, red clay*

### AGE OF VINES

*15-25*

### ELEVATION

*350 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Sauvignon Blanc*

### FARMING

*Certified biodynamic (DEMETER)*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, natural yeast fermentation in tank*

### AGING

*12 months in foudres*

Vacheron is mainly a "silex" producer. Silex (flint) is found primarily in the eastern part of the appellation (and also across the river in Pouilly Fumé) and almost all of Vacheron's holdings are on this hard, mineral soil type. Flint produces vertical, long-aging Sancerre bottlings and the Vacheron boys' biggest aim is to let this shine.

Chambrates is located on a plateau above Le Paradis on limestone and red clay soils. This is a generous example of Sancerre due to its terroir with more of a citric quality to the fruit, a richer texture and a mineral finish. It is fermented and aged for 12 months in large French oak foudre.

### ACCOLADES

92 – 2020 Sancerre Chambrates – Vinous Media

94 – 2020 Sancerre Chambrates – Wine Enthusiast

94 – 2019 Sancerre Chambrates – Wine Advocate



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