

Domaine Merlin-Cherrier

Sancerre



2017 Sancerre

Linear and hard-edged with a very flinty, stony character on the palate and loads of juicy lemon flavour. Very zippy acidic brightness. The minerality is pleasingly authentic, and there's plenty of fruit concentration too.

16.5, Richard Hemming, MW in JancisRobinson.com, January 2018

2015 Sancerre

The 2015 Sancerre regular bottling from Thierry Merlin is excellent, as it delivers the ripeness of the vintage, coupled beautifully to fine minerality and very good, vibrant structural attributes....This is fine, fine juice and I cannot wait to taste Monsieur Merlin's 2015 vintage from le Chêne Marchand next year!

92 pts- John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, September-October 2016

2015 Sancerre "Le Chêne Marchand"

Some like their Sancerre lean and mean, as in 2014, and some like riper, plusher vintages such as 2015. I'm almost always in the former camp...until a wine like this comes along. It is really more melony than citrusy, and I have my doubts that I would even identify it as Sancerre if tasting it blind on a day when I wasn't at my best, but damn...it is delicious. Really a medium-bodied wine, this is ripe and fruity on the nose and quite broad on first palate impression, though the acidity and minerality then start to gain traction and pull even in the finish. A wine that is both opulent and engaging, this is not to be missed.

93 pts- Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com, August 22, 2017

2014 Sancerre "Le Chêne Marchand"

Thierry Merlin has just under a hectare of vines in the great vineyard of le Chêne Marchand in Bué... I love this terroir, but do not get to taste too many high quality examples, and Monsieur Merlin's is certainly a very welcome new bottling to cross my desk. The bouquet on the 2014 is pure and vibrant, wafting from the glass in a blend of gooseberry, lime blossoms, a touch of tangerine, beautifully complex soil tones, a touch of anise and a gentle topnote of grassiness. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and complex, with a lovely core, bright acids, fine focus and impressive length and grip on the pure and seamless finish. This is very high class juice!

92+ pts- John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, September-October 2016