



## 2018 DOMAINE MICHEL THOMAS Sancerre Rosé France – Loire Valley - Sancerre



### ABOUT DOMAINE MICHEL THOMAS

In the Egrots - a small hamlet of Sury en Vaux, about 4 kilometers from Sancerre - Michel and Laurent Thomas farm 17 hectares. In 1970 they took over the family estate, which was founded by Michel's father in 1946.

Their vineyards feature three different types of soil:

- 40% Terre Blanche-Argilo-Calcaire – clay-limestone, yielding wines with intense aromas of almonds and citrus. Highly aged and vinified in oak.
- 40% Caillottes-Calcaire – limestone and stony soil, producing fine and fruity wines; pleasant to enjoy young.
- 20% Le Roc-Silex – sedimentary rock; very hard siliceous, giving smoked aromas & rich mineral flavor, good for aging.

The 17-hectare (42 acre) vineyard is spread amongst 40 parcels in four villages, and it is planted with 11 hectares Sauvignon Blanc and 6 hectares Pinot Noir. Total production is 10,000-12,000 cases per year. They export 65-70% of their production, mainly to Japan and Russia.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Light, bright pink. Redcurrant, strawberry and chalk on the nose, with a touch of singed orange gaining strength with air. Dusty red fruit and citrus flavors are braced by tangy minerality, which adds lift and cut. Uncompromising in the best way, finishing with excellent clarity and echoes of lemon and orange zest.

Vintage	2018
Appellation	Sancerre
Varietal(s)	100% Pinot Noir
Vinification	50% direct press + 50% Saignée (bled), with 12-24 hours of skin contact maceration. The alcoholic fermentation is done in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged on the lees for a few months (no oak). Right before bottling, the wine is fined with Bentonite (very light filtration with oenologic clay).
Soil	Clay, limestone, sedimentary rock
Vine Age	20-55 years
Size	12/750ml
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