

Dom Crochet Sancerre Croix du Roy Rouge

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Loire

APPELLATION: Sancerre

CEPAGE: 100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING: After a manual harvest, the grapes are pressed and the fermentation proceeds for approximately 30 days.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.5%

AGING: 10-12mo, 70% lg barrels, 30% stainless

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 35000 bottles

THE STORY

It was Lucien's marriage to the daughter of Lucien Picard, and the subsequent fusion of the domaines of Lucien Picard & André Crochet (father of Lucien), that created the Domaine Lucien Crochet. Monsieur Picard was one of the very first growers in the Sancerre district to begin bottling his wines and selling them primarily to restaurants in Paris. Lucien Crochet expanded the work of his father-in-law and, over a 30 year period, also expanded the domaine so that it now encompasses 38 hectares of vineyards, almost all of which are located in the village of Bué with smaller holdings in the villages of Vinon and Crézancy. Twenty-nine hectares are planted to Sauvignon Blanc and the remaining 9 hectares are planted to Pinot Noir. Since 1989 only organic supplements have been used.

