Winemaker
Jean-François Cherrier

Region
Loire Valley

Location
Verdigny

Appellation(s)
Sancerre, Menetou-Salon

Farming
Ecological

Menetou-Salon Blanc

Cherrier Frères

Variety
Sauvignon Blanc

Annual Production
70,000 bottles in Menetou-Salon

Vine Age
15-50 years old

Size
10 hectares total in Menetou-Salon

Terroir
Three soil types of Sancerre-Silex (Flint), Terre Blanche (Clay-Limestone), and Caillottes (Gravelly Clay-Limestone)

Vinification
Machine harvest, vinification with selected and native yeasts in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, parcels kept separate by type of terroir during vinification until final blending

Elevage
4-10 months on fine lees in stainless steel tanks

About
Based in Verdigny, the Cherrier brothers farm 20 hectares of vines spread out over five different villages around Sancerre and 10 hectares in Menetou-Salon. The diversity of vineyard sites allows them to blend Sauvignon Blanc from the three types of typical Sancerre terroir to create harmonious and balanced wines. Since 1994, François and Jean-Marie Cherrier have put in place a sustainable viticulture using ecological techniques such as planting cover crops in the vineyards, eliminating chemical fertilizers and vinification products, gray-water reuse at the winery, and geobiology.