



## **2012 Domaine Vincent Pinard Sancerre Petit Chemarin**

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Sauvignon Blanc from

Sancerre, Loire Valley, France

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### **Rating: 93**

The deepest, most complex and elegant Sancerre of the trio I tasted for this report (it is virtually a sextet but I had only three of them) is the 2012 Sancerre Petit Chemarin, a selection of the best parcels in Bué with vines planted in 1968 on a limestone/caillottes terroir. Aged in four barrels (one new) and stainless steel tanks, it reveals riper fruit flavors as well as the famous kiss of new oak and long lees contact. It has a fresh, subtle, herbal-sweet bouquet with delicate aromas of ripe apples, golden gooseberries, honeydew melon, physalis and a dash of lime juice. Full-bodied, deep, and extremely well balanced on the palate, this is a very elegant, firmly structured Sancerre with refreshing citrus flavors, although the typical aromas come through only step by step. Although the wine remains quite brash the first day, it is a cru that will reward all your patience in a couple of years.

