

CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX

Grand Cru Classé de Graves

Pessac - Léognan

RED 2020



2020, Mildness & Precocity

Climate data

A particularly mild rainy Autumn–Winter 2019/2020 resulted in early budding. Around March 20th, while France was in lockdown, the vine was budding about 10 days early. This advance continued throughout the vegetative cycle thanks to generally favourable weather conditions. Flowering went well and homogeneous followed by a fast regular fruit set without *coulure* or *millerandage*. The same can be said for the *veraison*: precocious and homogeneous around July 20th for the first grapes. Practically no rain in fact between June 17th and September 21st but once again our vines grown in regularly tilled soil showed a remarkable resistance to stress. Maturity inspections shook up the holidays and promised a start to the harvest on August 19th still ten days or so early. The harvest was carried out without any major difficulty in spite of the constraints due to strict sanitary measures and everywhere the grapes were healthy and maturity was evenly spread over time.

Wine-Tasting

The wine has a ruby colour with density and beautiful purple glints.

The first nose, superb, immerses uncompromisingly in essences of fruits and flowers oscillating between blueberry and violet. There is also a nice bouquet of spices of white pepper and cloves. After swirling, smokier notes and fresher notes of red cedar finally exhale.

The mouth is very elegant, its attack is round and suave. The balance and accuracy of this wine are impressive. When the wine takes on its full expression, we enjoy the fruity and floral notes perceived on the nose, full of brilliance and delicacy. Its length on the palate, fine and tasty, already shows its ability to age long and well.

Innovations

- Extension of areas organically cultivated (15ha)
- Generalized tillage for more substantial and sustainable rooting.
- Continuation of the tree replanting program on the property (60 new trees)
- Micro-vintage experimentation: management of vine topping vs vine rolling.
- Increase in plot precision with a greater number of vinification lots.

Appellation
Pessac-Léognan

Vineyard size for the red
55 ha (136 Acres)

Terroir - Soil
gravels on clay and limestone subsoils

Average age of the red vineyard
26 years

Vineyard Management

HVE3 certified (High Environmental Value at level 3)

Environmental friendly farming for sustainable or organic agriculture.

Member of the ISO 14001 certified Bordeaux EMS Association.

« Cordon » or « Guyot-poussart » pruning.

Hand disbudding and de-leafing.

Average planting density: 7200 vines/ ha.

Plot management in the vineyard and the cellar until the ageing completion.

Harvest

Hand picking only.

Berry selection while picking and twice on sorting tables.

Merlot from 10/09/2020 to 17/09/2020

Petit Verdot on 15/09/2020 and Cabernet Franc on 17/09/2020

Cabernet Sauvignon from 18/09/2020 to 29/09/2020

Winemaking - Ageing

Fermenting in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats (3-4 weeks) with pumping-over

Ageing in French oak barrels - 15 to 18 months (35-40 % new oak)

Blending - Alcohol content

49% Cabernet Sauvignon - 45% Merlot - 4% Petit Verdot - 2% Cabernet Franc

14.5% Vol.

pH - Total acidity

pH 3.70 - 3.43 g/L H₂SO₄

Production - Yield

170 000 bottles - 40hl/ha. - Bottled from April 22nd to 29th 2021.

Sold *En Primeurs* through Bordeaux Negociants.

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