

CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

Pessac - Léognan

RED 2018



2018, The Sun King

Climate data

The beginning of 2018 was difficult: a hailstorm on part of the vineyard and heavy rain did not help the flowering. We knew as early as June that the quantities of all the grape varieties would be small. Then, an exceptional summer followed, bathed in endless sun right up to the end of the harvest... The delicious grapes of all varieties arrived at the vats at the peak of ripeness and with an exemplary health quality. The berries were homogenous, dense, with a fine colour and a thick skin. The sun king did a supreme job by giving us magnificent grapes but it was impossible to give us back what the Spring rain had stolen from us. However in spite of the limited quantity, 2018 will be a very great vintage for Carbonieux!

Tasting

This 2018 red is characterized by a beautiful deep purple colour. On the nose the wine releases an aromatic bouquet of ripe fruit tinged with a slightly smoky sensation. The tannic structure on the palate is rich, long and soft with a smooth fleshy texture all perfectly balanced. The finish extends and produces the characteristics of a great vintage promising good ageing potential.

Innovations

- New vineyard manager, Mr F. Flé.
- HVE 3 Label maintained (High Environmental Value Level 3)
- The property is an excellent example of best practices in water consumption (EMS/Bordeaux Environmental Management System)
- New precision tools for tilling (inter-vine ploughing machines...)
- Two rounds of traditional ploughing
- Increasing focus on use of bio-control products

Appellation
Pessac-Léognan

Vineyard size for red wine
55 ha (136 acres)

Terroir/Soil
Deep gravels and clay

Average age of red vineyard
26 years old

Vineyard management

Environmentally friendly farming for sustainable agriculture (Member of the 1st ISO 14001 certified Bordeaux EMS Association), HVE 3 certificated (High Environmental Value at level 3) / 1 organic control plot.

Guyot-poussart and cordon pruning

Disbudding/de-leafing/hand green harvest

Planting density : 7200 vines/ha

Plot management in the vineyard and the cellar

Harvest

Hand picking only

Berry selection while picking and twice on sorting tables

Merlot from 17/09 to 25/09

Cabernet Franc on 26/09 and Petit Verdot on 26/09

Cabernet Sauvignon from 28/09 to 06/10

Winemaking - Ageing

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

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

Blending - Alcohol content

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
14,5% Vol.

Production - Yield

150 000 bottles - 33hl/ha - Bottling from April 20 to 24, 2020

Sold «en primeurs» through Bordeaux Negoce

Second wines

La Croix de Carbonnieux

Château Tour Léognan



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