

CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX

Grand Cru Classé De Graves

Pessac - Léognan

WHITE 2018



2018, The Sun King !

Climatic datas

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 Carbonnieux!

Tasting

A beautiful pale yellow colour with a slightly green tint. The first nose is fresh, revealing the fine lemon tones of the Sauvignon grape variety in its youth. After aeration, the wine presents the delicate notes of white flowers. On the palate, the attack is marked by an acidity worthy of the great fresh terroirs of the property in spite of a rather warm dry vintage. After, the wine is full round bodied giving a very interesting balance on the palate with aromas of grilled hazelnuts reminiscent of the unctuous Semillon. 2018 has given a balanced wine with a fine concentration of aromas and an outstanding style for the vintage.

Innovations

- New vineyard manager, Mr F. Flé, from the Denis Dubourdieu vineyards.
- 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 the white

45 ha (112 Acres)

Terroir/ Soil

Clay-gravel and clay-limestone

Average age of the white vineyard

28 years

Vineyard Management

Environmental friendly growing 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.

«Cot» or «Guyot-poussart» pruning

Disbudding/de-leafing/hand green harvest

Planting density : 7200 vines/ha

Plot management in the vineyard and the cellar

Harvest

Handpicked

Sauvignon from 28th August to 07th September 2018

Semillon from 07th September to 12th September 2018

Winemaking/Ageing

Hand picking with several passes - Double berry selection

Gentle pressing using inert gas - Cold clarification

Fermenting and ageing in oak barrels and vats

25 % new oak - 10 months with lees stirring

Bleding/ Alcohol content

70% Sauvignon - 30% Sémillon

13,5% Vol.

Production/ Yield

130 000 bouteilles - 40hl/ha - Bottled from 4th to 8th November 2019

Sold «En Primeurs» through Bordeaux Negociants

Second Wines

La Croix de Carbonnieux

Château Tour Léognan



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