



GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER**

The Domaine de Chevalier located in Léognan, the Capital town of the Graves Region has a long history. It appears on the famous map of Pierre de Belleye in 1783.

In 1983 the estate was purchased by the Bernard Family, N° 1 in France on the spirits market and a major negociant of premium Bordeaux wines.

It has been run ever since by Olivier Bernard who perpetuates that spirit of balance and the constant drive for perfection which have been the hallmark of this outstanding wine.

The red Domaine de Chevalier, the flagship of the Pessac-Léognan appellation belongs to the elite of the great classified growths of Bordeaux.

The white Domaine de Chevalier is recognized as one of the world's finest dry wines.

**CURRENT SPECIFICATION SHEET OF THE DOMAINE**

Appellation : Pessac-Léognan  
Soil : gravel on clay-gravel subsoil  
White wine 6 ha – great wine 18 000 bottles  
Red wine 55 ha – great wine 100 000 bottles

**WHITE**

**HARVEST** : Hand-picked, into small crates.

Grapes are picked in 3 to 5 waves for optimum ripeness. Traditional cold settling in barrels.

**VINIFICATION** : Fermentation in barrels.  
Age in barrels for 18 months (35% new oak) with bâtonnage (stirring the lees with a stick)

**RED**

**HARVEST** : Hand-picked, into small crates.

Grapes are carefully sorted in the vineyard as well as before and after destemming.

**VINIFICATION** : Three vat-rooms, (stainless steel, tulip concrete and wooden vats), to optimize the plot selection, perfect the extraction and refining the “assemblage”.  
Barrel aging 16 to 20 months (35% new oak), bâtonnage 4 months (stirring the lees with a stick).

**Second Wine** : L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER



2016



**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER  
BLANC 2016**

A.O.C. : PESSAC-LEOGNAN

HARVEST (WHITE) :

SAUVIGNON : SEPT. 10 TO 25

SEMILLON : SEPT. 15 TO 30

BOTTLING : July 2018/70 % SAUVIGNON – 30 %

SEMILLON

Alc: 13,5 % vol.

**THE 2016 VINTAGE:  
HISTORICAL AND GENEROUS**

The unquestionably successful 2016 vintage is due to the conjunction of several important factors.

- A rainy period lasting from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 20<sup>th</sup> of June replenished water reserves and paved the way for a large potential crop.
- Quasi-miraculous flowering guaranteed a large crop [from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of June]
- An exceptionally dry period from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 13<sup>th</sup> of September was conducive to richness and power.

We were really in need of rain by early September! This finally arrived, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of that month. These 40 mm of rain did a world of good, giving a boost to ripening and refreshing the vines.

- An Indian summer from the 15<sup>th</sup> of September to the end of October provided fineness and elegance.

**TASTING**

Crystalline, pale gold color.  
Punchy, pulpy, intense, fresh and complex nose. The aromas of grapefruit, orange, peach and mango blend with balsamic (pine) and mineral (quartz, flint) fragrances. The whole terroir of Chevalier is revealed in this great nose.

On the palate, an exquisite and intense pulpy richness is combined with a beautiful fruity acidity. A cocktail of spicy and soft white fruits releases very silky flavors. This feeling of sweetness reflects the perfect maturity of healthy fruits. The flesh of this wine leads to a great purity and an tremendous delicacy. Very elegant body. Sophisticated wine, deeply tasty and perfectly balanced. Great persistence. To keep 2021-2036



**PROPRIETAIRE : SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER FAMILLE BERNARD  
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