

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 Belleyme 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 5 ha – great wine 18 000 bottles
Red wine 45 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: Two vat-rooms, one with small tulip-shaped tanks (since 2013), to increase the plot selection, complete the extraction and refining the blend. Barrel aging 16 to 20 months (35% new oak), bâtonnage 4 months (stirring the lees with a stick).

Second Wine: L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER





DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 1996

APPELLATION PESSAC-LEOGNAN

65 % cabernet sauvignon – 30 % merlot 5% cabernet franc

Alc 12°

TASTING:

Beautiful deep ruby tones, the brilliance of this wine reflects the power.

The nose expresses notes of toast, smoke "taste hearth" of great Cabernet Sauvignon, beautifully completed by a fruit palette: blackberry, blueberry, plum jam very noticeable.

The attack is rich and sweet. The Grape maturity explodes above very silky tactile and full impression. The fine-grained and tightly tannic structure, then just support the end of the tasting and reveals the whole race and the power of this vintage. The taster then remains on a retro-olfaction dominated by red fruit, licorice and so special flinty of our gravelly soils.

The whole is melted and smooth and expresses its full potential. Bottle of great style.

