



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 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 over 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.

Appellation : Pessac-Léognan

Soil : gravel on clay-gravel subsoil.

Red wines : 40 ha – 100 000 bottles

White wines : 5 ha – 18 000 bottles

Vinification : the grapes are hand-picked into small crates.

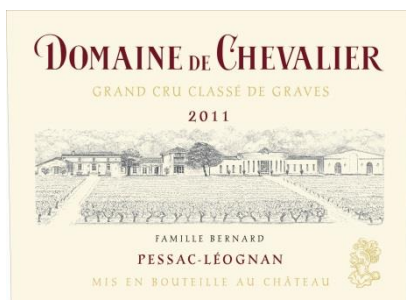
White : grapes are picked in 3 to 5 waves for optimum ripeness. Cold settling and fermentation in barrel.

Age for 18 months in 35 % new oak with bâtonnage (stirring the lees with a stick)

Red : grapes are carefully sorted in the vineyard as well as before and after destemming.

Barrel ageing : 16-20 months ; new barrels: 35%

Second Wine : Esprit de Chevalier



DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2011

65% CABERNET SAUVIGNON - 30% MERLOT - 5% PETIT VERDOT

14 ° ; 30 HECTOLITERS/HECTARE

2011 VINTAGE

NICE QUALITY DESPITE SPECIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

The 2011 vintage was prematurely warm: A lightly rainy winter was followed by a severe and hot drought until July. It was "summer in spring"!!

The effect of such conditions was to stop vine growing. Our *terroir* made of deep gravels was just able to hydrate the minimum the vines need to develop correctly.

A relatively humid and fresh climate lasts until end of August. It was "spring in summer"!!

That was paradoxically very beneficial to vines which started maturation in nice conditions. Happily a strong summer came back in September and ripened perfectly all varieties with high concentration.

HARVEST began 15 days earlier than usual:

WHITE from 23/08 till 9/09 (37 hl/ha)

REDS from 13/09 till 30/09 (30 hl/ha). Yield was low but of superb quality.

More than ever this vintage is the pure reflection of a great *terroir* and healthy vineyard grown with all the care it needs.

A REAL "VINTAGE OF VIGNERON".

TASTING :

Deep, dark and brilliant color.

Intense and expressive nose of blackberries, blueberries and other complex notes of spices: pepper, fresh leather and menthol.

*On the palate finesse is evident. This wine is rich, fleshy, fruity, concentrated with great tannins. Harmonious and full of delicatessen. Long finish and great energy showing the quality and the respect of the fruit. The *terroir* notes give freshness and complexity in the long finish.*

Authentic and first class wine.



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