



GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

PRIMEUR ROUGE

2018



2018: EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE

Fruit ripening was ideal in our gravely soils: powerful concentration and freshness perfectly balanced.

Manual and precise harvest in the good timing was the warrant of a great purity.

Reds are powerful, extremely fruity and full bodied of classy dense tannins. Balance and freshness for a long ageing potential.

Whites are fully aromatic, complex, rich, generous and exquisite. A great freshness will guarantee a great taste through years.

Olivier Bernard

VINEYARD

A.O.C. : PESSAC-LEOGNAN – GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

Soils : Soil of dark sand and fine white gravel

Average age : 35 years

Vine Density : 10 000 vines/ha

WHITE : 6 Hectares

70% Sauvignon, 30 % Sémillon

RED : 55 Hectares

63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30 % Merlot, 5 % Petit Verdot, 2 % Cabernet Franc

HARVEST :

WHITE grapes in baskets with successive picking through the vines.

RED grapes in baskets, with triple sorting: 1st in the vines, 2nd on the complete bunch on the sorting table and 3rd by optical sorting.

VINIFICATION

WHITE: Slow pressing.

Settlement (*débourbage*) and alcoholic fermentation in the barrel.

Ageing : on the lees in the barrel with stirring, for 18 months

New barrels : 35 %

RED: Vatting gravity without pumping, alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel and coated steel temperature controlled vats.

Maceration for 2 to 3 weeks (30° C. max).

Manual Pigeage

Ageing : 18 months (four months on the lees)

New barrels : 35 %

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE, PRIMEUR 2018



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

Alc.13,5 % Vol.

HARVEST:

From September 18th to October 10th

TASTING

Bright color, dark red and black in the middle.

The nose is generous, sharp and full of complexity, a cocktail of fresh and concentrated red and black fruits prevails. Some fine spicy, balsamic and empyreumatic aromas stand by to brighten this bouquet.

The palate is full-bodied, very sophisticated, fleshy, with a lot of density and complexity. The attack is shiny with exquisite flavors that remind us black cherry, blueberry and blackberry in a delicate atmosphere of spicy white pepper and pinewood.

The freshness and tension are here to balance this great richness.

The wine is powerful but fresh, full-bodied but delicate.

Those tasting paradox are the cornerstone of the greatest achievements/successes.

Very high aging potential.