



GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER
VINTAGE 2011

**“Good quality despite
very special weather conditions”**

A slightly rainy winter was followed by a severe and hot drought until July.

It was **“summer during spring”**!!

The effect of such conditions was the vines stop growing. Our unique deep gravel terroir hydrated the vines enough, so as to grow correctly.

A relatively humid and fresh climate lasted until the end of August.

It was **“spring in summer”**!!

It was **paradoxically very beneficial** to the vines which started maturation in fabulous conditions.

Luckily, wonderful **summer came back in September** and ripened all the varieties with high concentration.

Harvest began 2 weeks earlier than usual: Dry White from 23/08 till 9/09 (37 hl/ha) and Reds from 13/09 till 30/09 (30 hl/ha). Yields were low but of superb quality.

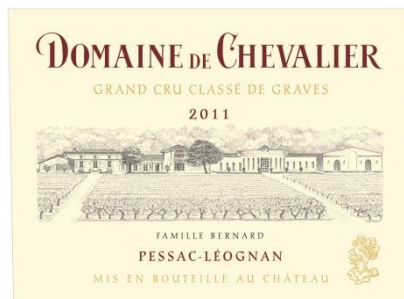
Despite this precocity, one month of trimming off unripe berries and soft vinification were necessary to express the best of the fruit and to keep style of the terroir.

We are positive that have we made a great red wine: beautiful, fruity expression with dense and supple high class tannins. Freshness and acidity gives the wine authenticity and balance to cellar perfectly.

More than ever this vintage is **the pure reflection of a great terroir and healthy vineyards** grown with all the necessary care. We had to select more than usual, to choose, to sort out, to decide...

Our choices and surgical handpicking adapted to delicate vinification is the the key to the succes of our 2011 wines!

A real “Vigneron’s” Vintage!



DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER PRIMEUR ROUGE 2011

65 % CABERNET SAUVIGNON
30 % MERLOT
5 % PETIT VERDOT

13,3° - PH : 3,7
YIELD : 30 HL/HECTARE

TASTING :

Domaine de Chevalier Rouge 2011

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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