



GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER  
2<sup>ND</sup> WINE OF DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

### 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

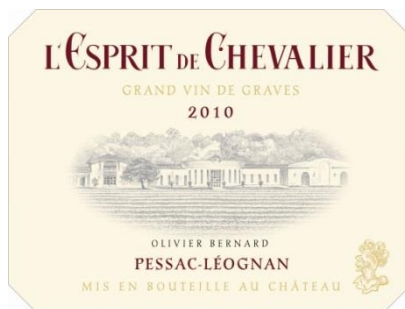
**HARVEST** : Hand-picked, into small crates.

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

Since 1986



## ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2010

### SECOND VIN DU DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

#### APPELLATION PESSAC-LEOGNAN

55% Cabernet Sauvignon - 30% Merlot

10% Cabernet Franc - 5% Petit Verdot

Alc 13,5 % vol.

**Bottled**: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Since 1986, the planting of young vines has meant that the DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER had to craft a second wine, in both red and white.

This blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot is now known as **L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER**.

L'ESPRIT... The Spirit is also a way of making a wine.

The Bernard Family, by calling its second wine **L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER**, wanted above all for it to carry the **hallmark of Chevalier** and to reflect the « Spirit » of the estate, combining powerfulness and complexity but also finesse and elegance in total respect of the "terroir".

The red **L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER** is aged for 14 months in oak barrels, one third of which are renewed each year.

It is an appealing wine, ready to be appreciated between 3 and 5 years earlier than the main wine.

#### **2010: PROFILE OF A GREAT VINTAGE**

2010 had all the hallmarks of the greatest vintages:

**Flowering was completed rapidly**, over the weekend of May 30.

Fine, hot weather in July promoted even, disease-free development throughout the vineyard.

In late July - early August: a **rapid, homogeneous colour change**. Continued dry conditions resulted in small **grapes in all varieties**. August was dry and bright, but without any excessive heat.

September: the red-wine grapes benefitted from marvelous weather! October also started out dry and sunny, with **large diurnal temperature**. We were hoping for rain... which (finally) arrived on October 4 and 10. The small grapes with high tannin concentrations came to peak ripening and we were ready to harvest.

#### **TASTING :**

*Intense color, black in the middle and very bright.*

*Powerful nose of ripe fruit, black and red. Blackberry and cherry dominate. Pepper and liquorice aromas enhance the complexity and bouquet.*

*In the mouth, wide attack, concentrated and fresh. The quality of the tannins is exceptional for dense, silky and fruity with great class.*

*Lingering and harmonious finish. Very good balance.*

*Wine of great density, freshness and great race.*

*This second wine is a great wine.*



**PROPRIETAIRE : FAMILLE BERNARD - ADMINISTRATEUR : OLIVIER BERNARD**

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