



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 Belleyne 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 RED 2012**

APPELLATION PESSAC-LEOGNAN

ALC 13°

68% CABERNET SAUVIGNON - 25 % MERLOT –  
7 % PETIT VERDOT

BOTTLED : 20 AND 21<sup>TH</sup> MAY 14

**Second Wine** : ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER

**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 to carry the **hallmark of Chevalier** and to reflect the « Spirit » of the estate, combining powerfulness and complexity but also finesse and elegance.

#### 2012 VINTAGE

**Very good surprise with 2012 vintage**

**Nice quality vintage for red**

**Harvest from 9 to 18 October**

#### Tasting notes :

Very intense color.

Generous nose of red and black fruits, and slightly peppery spices. Mineral menthol notes accentuate the coolness.

The attack, fresh and fruity, leaves room for a full, fleshy and tasty wine. The tannins are well integrated and quite supple. They envelop the wine without occulting the complexity. The balanced acidity enhances the flavors and excites the taste buds ...

The finish is concentrated and elegant.



**OWNER : FAMILLE BERNARD - ADMINISTRATOR : OLIVIER BERNARD**

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