



L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER  
SECOND VIN DU DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

**LE 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: 7 ha – great wine 18 000 bottles

Red: 60 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.

Aged in barrels for 18 months (one third new oak)

**RED**

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

Grapes are carefully sorted in the vineyard as well as before and after destemming.

**VINIFICATION** : Four vat-rooms, (steel, stainless steel, concrete “tulip” and wooden vats.)

Aged in barrels for 16 to 20 months. (one third new oak)

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**Second Wine** : L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER, since 1989

**AGEING** :

ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER Blanc: 10 months in barrels

ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER Rouge: 14 months in barrels

PACKAGING : 6 bottles flat carton box



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**ROUGE primeur 2020**

**SECOND WINE OF DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER**

APPELLATION PESSAC-LEOGNAN

**65% CABERNET SAUVIGNON - 35% MERLOT**

**ALC : 13,5 % VOL.**

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

This blend of sauvignon and semillon is 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 white **L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER** is aged for 9 months in oak barrels, one third of which are renewed each year.

It is an appealing wine, ready to be appreciated earlier than the main wine (3 to 5 years old) .

**HARVEST OR RED GRAPES**

**FROM SEPTEMBER 14, TO SEPTEMBER 30**

**TASTING**

Very intense color, black in the middle.

Deep, ripe nose of red and black berries, spices and fresh peaty humus and heather.

Concentrated on the palate. Black fruits and superb tannins with a tight structure, developing fresh and liquorice flavors of pine forests.

The brightly fruity flesh coats these tannins well. Structured, dense wine, promising to keep well. Very good overall balance, in line with the great wine.



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