

HÉRITAGE DE CHASSE-SPLEEN 2020

The history and evolution of a vineyard through inheritances, purchases, regroupings of lands, can lead to the association of several AOC (Protected Designations of Origins, i.e. PDOs) within the same estate. Chasse-Spleen having seen the light of day before the AOC notion even existed, nowadays some of its plots do not belong to the same appellation. Today, we own a dozen hectares under the Haut-Médoc appellation of origins.

L'INAO (French national institute for origins and quality) recognises the notion of organization into a hierarchy for the Médoc AOC. This means that every single wine produced in Haut-Médoc and in communal appellations (Saint Estèphe, Pauillac, Sain-Julien, Moulis, Margaux), is before all else, a Haut-Médoc wine, while the opposite is not necessarily true. Only the plots that produce exclusively within these demarcated appellations may claim the communal AOC.

Héritage de Chasse-Spleen being so successful, and so as to satisfy trade markets and to meet our selection policy, we are now led to remind everyone that some Moulis plots can lawfully also claim their Haut-Médoc appellation. This way, an average of twenty hectares of Haut-Médoc land produces Héritage de Chasse-Spleen.

At first known as Ermitage de Chasse Spleen, this wine had to be given a new name in 2000 because of homonymy reasons. After a birth under the best auspices while inheriting all the care brought to its magnificent senior, this new name seemed very much appropriate to us.

TASTING NOTES

Clear, brilliant color, deep burgundy red.

On the nose, aromas of redcurrant, pepper with a slightly vanilla woody note.

Clean attack, mouth with fine tannins and aromas of cherry, supple volume, well balanced.

A nice cherry finish.



Appellation: Haut-Médoc

Soils: sandy gravel on chalky clay and clay on chalk

Acreage: 20 ha

Plantation density: 8300 vines/ha

Grape variety: Cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet-franc

Grape-vine age: 5 to 35 years

Vinification: in stainless steel vats and concrete with terminal regulation system

Ageing: 5% new oak, 100% wood

Production: 10 000 boxes

GRAPE-HARVESTS DATES

Merlot: from 09/17/2020 to 09/27/2020,

Cabernet sauvignon: from 09/27/2020 to 10/02/2020, **Cabernet franc:** 09/25/2020 to 09/30/2020, **Petit verdot:** 09/25/2020 to 09/30/2020

Blending: 50% Cabernet sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 10% Petit verdot

WEATHER 2020

The rain begins in September and ends in December. An abnormal high degree of mildness begins in January and finishes in late February. The first COVID containment occurs under bright sunlight and high temperatures. Beginning in mid-April, many and heavy rains, that compromise the works at the vineyards. June is wet and mildew threatens (agaaaain!). A superb summer stops it but becomes too hot in late August and early September. Our fresh basements save cabernet sauvignon. The harvest sky is grey but the rains are rare.