

# DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

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 Belleyeme 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 Cru Classé.

Domaine de Chevalier red is one of the flagship estates of the classified great growths of Bordeaux.

The white Domaine de Chevalier is recognized as one of the world's finest dry wines.

## VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

### In organic conversion

White: 1<sup>st</sup> label, vintage 2023  
Red: 1<sup>st</sup> label, vintage 2024

### Soils

Gravel on clay-gravel subsoil

### Appellation

Pessac-Léognan

### Second Vin

L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER

### RED

Grape varieties **60 ha**

Cabernet-sauvignon 63%  
Merlot 30% - Petit verdot 5%  
Cabernet-franc 2%

### Harvest

Hand-picked, into small crates. Grapes carefully sorted in the vineyard, then manual sorting on bunches in the cellar and optical sorting after destemming.

### Vinification

Four vat-rooms, (steel, stainless steel, tulip concrete and wooden vats), to optimize the plot selection, perfect the extraction and refining the "assemblage".

Age in barrels for 18 months (35% new oak)

### WHITE

Grape varieties **7 ha**

Sauvignon 70%  
Sémillon 30%

### Harvest

Hand-picked, into small crates. Grapes are picked in 3 to 5 waves for optimum ripeness.

### Vinification

Traditional cold settling in barrels. Fermentation in barrels.

Age in barrels for 16-18 months (1/3 new oak)

## A MEMORABLE GREAT VINTAGE

# 2022

HARVEST (RED GRAPE): FROM SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup>

65% CABERNET SAUVIGNON - 30% MERLOT - 3% PETIT VERDOT - 2% CABERNET FRANC  
YIELD: 40 HL / HA

TECHNOLOGICAL CORK DIAM 30 // ALC: 14% VOL.

**The climate:** A not very rainy winter (200 mm), rather cool with frosts until March, contributing to delaying the budding of the buds and protecting the vine from spring frost that occurs on the night of April 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> (-4°C).

**Early flowering by 10 days:** In mid-April, beautiful weather and mild temperatures, the vine grows quickly, a magnificent (abundant) bud-break. A beautiful flowering, (May 15-20), indicating an early harvest.

**Heatwave and hail on June 18<sup>th</sup>:** In June, the first wave of high temperatures (40° under shelter on the 18<sup>th</sup>) was concluded in the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> by a hailstorm. The west side of the rows was affected. This month was (the only one) well-watered by thunderstorms.

**Hot and very dry July.** The whole month was very sunny with a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of high temperatures from July 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> (40° C on the 18<sup>th</sup>). Watering program for young plantations. The old vines hold up very well.

August was also very hot and dry, **with 20 days with temperatures under shelter above 30°, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of high temperatures from August 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>** (over 39° on the 11<sup>th</sup>). In terms of precipitation, only two significant ones: 14mm on 08/14 and 8 on 08/17.

**In September, the great weather brings a 4<sup>th</sup> wave of heat from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.** The month was punctuated by a shower of 8 mm on 09/08 and 20 mm in 4 days at the end of the month, benefiting the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

"Everything is superlative in this 2022 vintage: the climate, the drought, the juice content, the quantity of berries per vat, the color, the gustatory intensity... However, the terroir, the old vines, and our precise choices have given a magnificent freshness and superb balance."

*Olivier Bernard*

## DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE PRIMEUR 2022

The Merlots are intense in both aroma and flavor, with dense, tender and fleshy tannins. They are already expressing themselves with **finesse and delicacy**.

The Cabernet Sauvignons, with their impressive potential, are undoubtedly exceptional. The first tastings leave us in awe, revealing an extraordinary intensity. Making up the majority of the blend (65 to 70%), they will contribute to making the **2022 Domaine de Chevalier red wine a vintage of anthology** that will mark the history of the Domaine.



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