

Château LATOUR-MARTILLAC Grand Cru Classé de Graves White 2013

Pessac-Léognan Appellation

THE VINEYARD

Surface of production for white: 10 ha (total surface: 50 ha)

Nature of the soil: Clay-limestone soil on the eastern slopes of the property, offering good natural drainage

with optimum exposure for our white grape varieties.

Grape varieties: 60% Sauvignon Blanc; 40% Sémillon

Pruning: Double Guyot system for the Sauvignon Blanc and Cordon pruning for the Sémillon

Density of planting: 7,200 feet/ha **Average age of the vineyard**: 35 years

Vineyard management: Traditional Methods. Sustainable Vine Protection.

Green Harvesting by hand: desuckering, excess bud removal, leaf thinning, removal of

excess shoots.

PRESENTATION OF THE VINTAGE

Winter and spring were cool, wet and humid, with double the average rainfall in January (151mm vs 86mm on average). The first buds appeared in April with a 15-day delay and the flowering, in June, took place even in the rain... Fortunately, July was dry and hot (July was the warmest on record in the last 14 years). Our teams worked throughout the summer in the vineyards removing leaves and rigorous green harvest in August and September. Despite the law yields, we sacrificed green clusters to allow the plants to focus their energy on the remaining clusters in order to homogenize the harvest as much as possible. Late leaf removal later facilitated additional ventilation clusters thereby reducing the risk of rots. The harvest took place 2 weeks later than average.

Vine cycle:

Budbreak: from the 18th of March to the 8th of April

Flowering: full flowering the 20th of June Berry set: from the 6th to the 15th of July Veraison: from the 5th to the 18th of August

Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking, in small crates Sauvignon Blanc: from the 17th to the 26th of September Sémillon: from the 25th to the 30th of September

Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in barrel

Ageing: 15 months on lees, whose 11 months in French oak barrels

New barrels: 25% Alcohol: 12.5%



TASTING

Blending: 70% Sauvignon Blanc - 30% Sémillon

Bottling: At the Château, in February 2015 – 3,000 cases

Distribution: Place de Bordeaux

« Just bottled, the wine reveals generous aromas of white fruit and citrus. The palate is lively, elegant and balanced with lovely white peach. The complexity and controlled acidity of this 2013 are sure to be a great vintage to age ».