

Château LATOUR-MARTILLAC Grand Cru Classé de Graves White 2018

Pessac-Léognan Appellation

THE VINEYARD

Surface of production for white: 9 ha (total surface: 57 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

2018 was a year marked by a spell of frost in April, and followed in quick succession by an episode of hail on the 26th of May. The year was also marked by heavy downpours in Spring before to get better conditions from the flowering. Despite the attack of mildew at the beginning of the summer in certain parcels of red vines, the sunny period from July through to the beginning of October truly saved the vintage and guaranteed a good ripening of the grapes. The harvest began on the 28th of August with the whites and finished on the 13th of September. The reds required a lot of attention at both stages of picking and sorting, those parcels affected by mildew. The meticulousness of our vineyard pickers, plus the effectiveness of our talented cellar team and our technical ability helped maintain healthy and ripe grapes.

Vine cycle:

Budbreak: from the 2^{nd} to the 9^{th} of April

Flowering: from the 28th of May to the 3rd of June (full flower: the 31st of May)

Berry set: from the 25th to the 31st of June

Veraison: from the 27th of July to the 18th of August

Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking, in small crates

Sauvignon Blanc: from the 28th of August to the 11th of September

Sémillon: from the 7th to the 13th of September

Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in oak barrel

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

New barrels: 25% Alcohol: 13.5%



TASTING

Blending: 54% Sauvignon Blanc - 46% Sémillon

Bottling: At the Château, in March 2020 – 37,000 bottles

Distribution: Place de Bordeaux

« Pale yellow, with green highlights. The nose is elegant with notes of citrus fruits (lemon), summer fruits (peach) and fresh hazelnut. This wine offers a remarkable sensation on the palate. With its round, smooth aromas of ripe fruit. An intensely fresh and lively finish. »