

L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER

SECOND WINE OF 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 Belleyne in 1783.

In 1983, the estate was purchased by the Bernard Family, french leader in brandies 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.

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It is thanks to the strong suitability of its terroir, and also to a very selective approach, that Domaine de Chevalier is recognised for its ability to produce great

wines, even in lesser vintages.

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Born in 1989, the second wine « L'Esprit de Chevalier » is the concrete expression of this approach.

During blending, it mainly includes the harvest from the young vines, as well as cuvées that do not have quite the structure and precision of the First Wine.

The Spirit is also a way of making wine: it carries the imprint and reflects the 'Spirit' of the estate: power and complexity, but above all finesse and elegance.

It's an alluring wine that can be enjoyed at a younger age than the grand wine.

VINEYARD & VINIFICATION

IN ORGANIC CONVERSION

White : certification in 2023

Red : certification in 2024

SOILS :

Gravel on clay-gravel subsoil

APPELLATION

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

SECOND WINE

L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER

WHITE

GRAPE VARIETIES 7 Ha

Sauvignon blanc 70%

Sémillon 30%

HARVEST

Hand-picked into small crates

Grapes picked in 3 to 5 waves for optimum ripeness

VINIFICATION

Traditional cold settling and

fermentation in barrels

Barrel aging for 9 months

RED

GRAPE VARIETIES 60 Ha

Cabernet-Sauvignon 63%

Merlot 30% - Petit-Verdot

5% - Cabernet-Franc 2%

HARVEST

Grapes carefully sorted in the vineyard, then manual bunch sorting, along with optical and densimetric sorting of the berries

VINIFICATION

Stainless steel, concrete (tulips and cubes), wood vats. Barrel aging for 14 months

2023 PRIMEUR

HARVEST (RED VINES) : FROM SEPTEMBER 7 TO SEPTEMBER 30

CABERNET-SAUVIGNON 65 % - MERLOT 30 % - PETIT-VERDOT 5 %

ALC. 14% % VOL.

We knew the warm vintages, sometimes very dry, the cold and/or humid vintages; in 2023 we discover the tropical vintage!

The spring climate difficulties required a relentless winegrowing battle, necessitated by our commitment to organic practices and the strong pressure from downy mildew. Nonetheless, we managed to showcase our terroir with a very beautiful Domaine de Chevalier red and an exceptional Domaine de Chevalier white.

Spring was early, very mild, and abundantly rainy. A big bud break and a rapid flowering around May 25, followed by a very good fruit set, suggested a beautiful harvest. The daily storms in the second half of June increased the virulence of the mildew. The promise of a good yield vanished, mainly for the Merlot.

Viewed from another angle, these stormy precipitations, from the end of June and July, fortunately helped the spared clusters to swell and allowed for a bit of volume recovery.

The second part of this vintage was markedly better: The beautiful warm weather at the end of August and the dry winds of the magnificent sunny September, with significant thermal amplitudes, ripened and concentrated all the grape varieties.

At the harvest reception area, vibrating tables, optical sorting, and density sorting allowed for making choices within the choices... Precision continues to improve, quality goes up again...

In the cellar, new tanks have been added to complement an already wide range, where each red grape variety is showcased according to its age, its origin, and the viticultural observations of the year.

The results are superb with very high-level white wines, powerful, elegant, and fresh, and red wines that are rich, ripe, and full-bodied, with velvety and tasty tannins. The quality of the well-preserved acids highlights and enlivens these two wines.

2023, a vintage of charm and pleasure with a lot of seriousness.

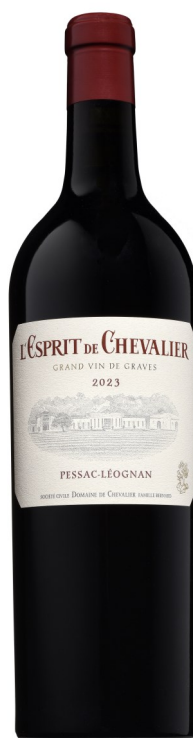
TASTING

An intense and spicy nose reminiscent of a cocktail of red and black fruits with wild notes such as sloe and blueberry. Fresh humus and forest notes contribute to the bouquet.

Like its elder, the grand wine, it is characterized by great richness, a silky and elegant structure that gives a velvety aspect to the blend. Its finesse and delicacy accompany a superb finish of fruit and freshness.

This wine flirts with the highest level...

5 to 10 years in the cellar to perfect it.



NEW PREMIUM

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