

Château de Chantegrive Cuvée Caroline 2015

CSPC# 749543

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

50% Sauvignon Blanc, 50% Sémillon

Appellation

Graves

Classification

Grand Vin de Bordeaux

Website

<http://www.chantegrive.com/the-wines-c23uv>

General Info

Château de Chantegrive is one of the largest wine estates in the Graves appellation, in the commune of Podensac, with 97 hectares (240 acres) of vines.

It is a member of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux. The Chateau produces red & rose wines from Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as white wines based on Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon from 10 hectares (25 acres) of 30+ years old vines

In 1966 Henri and Françoise Lévêque purchased some vineyards around the village of Podensac and gradually set about creating the Chantegrive estate. The baton has now been passed to the younger generation and the progress continues.

Vineyards

The Cuvée Caroline is their white wine produced from 12 hectares of vines.

Soil: Sand and gravel over a limestone and clay subsoil

Harvest

By hand, with successive sortings

Maturation

The juice is fermented in barrel and is then aged in new Allier oak casks (50% new) for 9 months, with regular stirring of the lees to enrich then wine

Tasting Notes

Intense nose of citrus zest, ripe apricot, marmalade and vanilla spice. The palate is balanced with notes of grass, lemon, dried fruits, chalk and oak. Full-bodied with a round and slight creamy finish.

Serve with

Perfect with seafood, scallops, prawns, white meat, oven-baked fishes or with white cream sauce, sweetbreads, light cheese (goat cheese) and foie gras. Decant half an hour before serving. Serve between 11-14°C (52-57°F)

Production

4,583 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2016-2024

Scores/Awards

93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018

16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2016

91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - November 2017

90 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2018

87 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only)

91 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2016 (score only)

90 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - February 2018

16 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2016

16.5 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2016

Reviews

"Attractive papaya, lemon and dried peaches as well as a gently grassy, stony edge. The palate has terrific purity and clarity of citrus and tangy tropical-fruit flavors. The acidity holds the finish really fresh and super vibrant. Drink or hold."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Smoky and intense. Sappy and sweet on the start. Edgy. Satisfyingly juicy."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"A delicious blend of ripe, juicy, crisp, lemon, pomelo, tangerine, and a dab of honey to round things out. Crisp, fresh and lively, this is ready to go."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com



Reviews *“This wine proves year after year that white Graves is an underrated category. Excellent grip and ripe apricot, peach, citrus zest and marmalade from an even blend of Sauvignon and Semillon barrel fermented in 50% new oak.”*
-JA, Decanter.com

“Starting with the white, the 2015 Château de Chantegrive Blanc shows how strong this vintage is for the whites and offers lots of apples, citrus, honey and floral notes in a medium-bodied, clean, classy style. Drink it over the coming 4-5 years.”
-Jeb Dunnuck
