

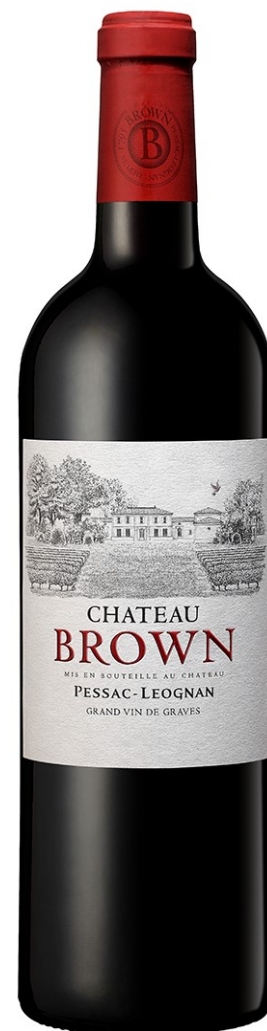
# Château Brown 2017

CSPC# 779696

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation</b>	Pessac Léognan
<b>Classification</b>	Grand Vin de Graves
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.chateau-brown.com/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/10/BR-17-FT-ANG.pdf">https://www.chateau-brown.com/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/10/BR-17-FT-ANG.pdf</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	<p>For several years, Château Brown has been committed to respecting the environment. Indeed, in 2012, the property integrated the EMS (Environmental Management System). This integration has raised awareness among all staff, with the aim of significantly reducing the Château's impact on the environment. Thanks to all this, Château Brown has obtained collective ISO 14001 certification.</p> <p>The property is also concerned about the disappearance of bees. These occupy an important place in wine production, in fact, 80% of crops depend on pollination. In order to stop their disappearance, Château Brown has decided to introduce many hives in uncultivated areas.</p>
<b>General Info</b>	<p>Standing at the gateway to Bordeaux, Château Brown stretches between three towns: Gradignan, Villenave-d'Ornon and Léognan. The proximity of these towns gives the estate a mild climate ideal for the ripening of fruit and thus conducive to making high-quality wines. Set in the oldest Bordeaux wine region (the northern Graves) Château Brown is to be found right at the heart of the world-famous Pessac-Léognan appellation. Château Brown, as its name suggests, bears testimony to the close links that have always existed between the Bordeaux region and the Anglo-Saxons. Founded in the late Middle Ages when Aquitaine belonged to England, Château Brown owes its name to the wealthy Scottish wine trader John Lewis Brown, who settled in Bordeaux in the late 18th century. An enthusiast of wines and art, this epicurean passed on not only his name but also his passions to his grandson, the animal painter John Lewis Brown. The owners came and went at Château Brown over the centuries and the estate alternated between glory and neglect. It was not until the late 20th century that the estate was fully restored to its former eminent position under the impulse of Bernard Barthe, the master of the château for the last decade. In December 2004, he decided to place his life's work in the hands of a famous dynasty of wine traders: the Mau family, in partnership with the Dutch Dirkwager family. Philippe Dulong is the consultant for Brown Blanc.</p>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Jean-Christophe Mau.
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>2017 Pessac Leognan suffered the most difficulties of the major appellations due to the frost. But some of those that survived managed to produce good wine, especially dry, white Bordeaux wine.</p> <p>2017 Pessac Leognan is not an easy appellation to understand for consumers. The vintage was even more daunting for the growers to produce. The frost damage here and in the Graves region was severe. As hard as it is to believe, in the Graves appellation, not only did growers have to endure the worst frost since 1991, but they were also struck by hail in August. When it rains it pours, and that happened too! 2017 Pessac Leognan started out with the promise of an early harvest. But that early promise led to disaster when 2 nights of sub-4-degree Centigrade temperatures struck the nights of April 27 and 28. Large swaths of vineyard land was devastated. The vines were burnt by the frost.</p> <p>Overall, for 2017 Pessac Leognan, the vintage was dry, but the lack of sunshine and the frost, along with the late season rains set the tone for the vintage.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	The 25 hectare Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux vineyard of Chateau Brown is planted to 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot for the production of red wine. The vineyard is planted to a vine density of 7,200 vines per hectare. The vines



<b>Vineyards</b>	are on average, 22 years of age. The terroir is gravel based, with some clay, sandstone, and iron deposits in the soil. The Merlot vines are as you would expect, planted in the areas with the most of clay in the soil.
<b>Harvest</b>	100% manual in small boxes, with bunch selection on the vine. Merlot: from 14th to 2nd October 2017; Cabernet Sauvignon: from 25th September to 2nd October 2017; Petit Verdot: on 25th September 2017.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Double sorting in the winery (bunches and grapes), using vibrating sorting tables. Pre-fermentary maceration at 6° for around 4 days – alcoholic fermentation in 100 hl stainless steel vats – post-fermentary maceration at 30° for around a week– running-off after tasting each vat – vertical pressing. Malolactic fermentation: one-third in new barrels. Ageing in French oak barrels, 40% in new barrels during 14 month/s.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	The bouquet boasts interesting complexity with its scents of coffee, dark chocolate, and fruit, such as blackberry and blackcurrant, set off to perfection by a nice hint of menthol. The attack on the palate is fresh, leading into good volume and fleshy texture with somewhat firm tannins. A dense, well-structured red wine with a delicious finish revealing slight hints of liquorice and mild spices
<b>Serve with</b>	Château Rouge Brown is perfect with grilled, roasted, or stewed meats. A successful wine & food pairing with our red could be also with some cheeses such as Saint-Nectaire or with a multitude of Asian dishes and fish-based recipes like tuna. Serve with tender meat and seasonal vegetables: Grilled Bazas beef, Gers spring vegetables, a blackberry condiment and garlic chive fritters.
<b>Production</b>	6 3,772 cases made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2018-2032.
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>93 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2020</p> <p><b>89-92 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - June 2018</p> <p><b>85 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2020</p> <p><b>88-90 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2018</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2020</p> <p><b>89-90 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com (score only) - March 2018</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 2018</p> <p><b>16.5 points</b> - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com (score only) - April 2018</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com (score only) - April 2018</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2018</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous (score only) - January 2020</p> <p><b>88-90 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous (score only) - April 2018</p> <p><b>87 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p><b>15.5 points</b> - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2018</p> <p><b>15 points</b> - Bettane &amp; Desseauve (score only) - April 2018</p> <p><b>1 star</b> - Le Guide Hachette des Vins (score only) - 2021</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"This is grippy from the start, with bramble and roasted apple wood notes forming the frame around a core of steeped plum, blackberry, and black currant fruit. Lively licorice snap and sweet spice elements add to the finish. Solidly built. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. Best from 2022 through 2034. 3,772 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Lively, featuring a mix of damson plum, cherry, and currant flavors, with savory hints and a light tar streak. Fresh through the finish. Well-knit overall. Score Range: 89-92"</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2017 Brown is deep garnet-purple in color with a nose of stewed plums, baked cherries, cigar box and pencil lead with earth and herbs hints. The palate is medium-bodied, lean, and chewy with a firm, herbal finish."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"The 2017 Brown is deep garnet-purple in color with quite a spicy nose, offering black cherries and blackberries at the core plus a waft of potpourri. The palate is medium-bodied with elegant fruit and well-played, soft tannins, finishing with a lively lift."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"A dense, structured red, offering blackberries, dark chocolate, walnuts, and white pepper. Full-bodied, tight, and structured with layers of polished tannins and a flavorful finish. Needs two or three years to come together. Try after 2022."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p>

**Reviews** *“91–93. Barrel Sample. This is a finely perfumed wine, with a creamy texture of ripe yellow-stone and pineapple fruits. It is also crisply imbued with tight citrus flavors and a mineral character. Drink from 2020.”*  
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*“Medium bodied, juicy, and forward, there is a groovy smoky character to the red fruits. Tobacco leaf and herbs kick in on the back end. The wine will benefit from a few years of bottle age.”*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

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