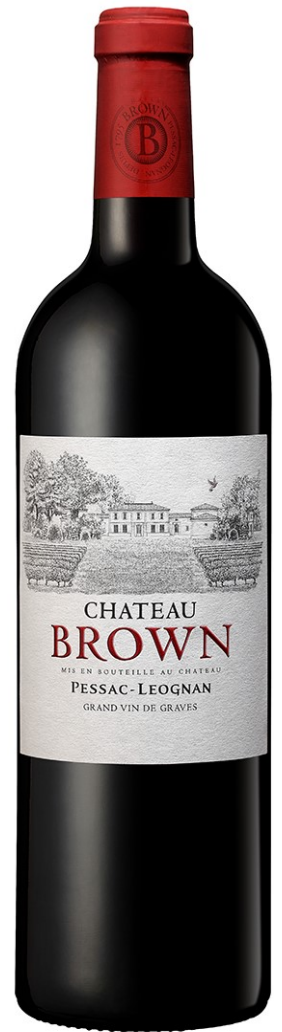

Château Brown 2021

CSPC# 763541

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Pessac Léognan
Classification	Grand Vin de Graves
Website	https://www.chateau-brown.com/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/07/FT-BROWN-ROUGE-2021-AN.pdf
Sustainability	<p>Our team has been using sustainable pest management to combat vine disease and focusing on prophylaxis for several years. In 2021, seven of the twelve treatments performed involved products that can be used for organic agriculture.</p> <p>In the context of a demanding vintage with significant climate variations, our cultivation strategy and the responsiveness and commitment of our teams were vital in achieving the yields and quality levels we were looking for. During the heavy rainfall in June, our plant cover served as a vital ally in maintaining soil structure. At the same time, manual leaf thinning and the use of natural insect repellents to camouflage the vines and protect them from leafhoppers allowed us to avoid applying unnecessary treatments.</p>
General Info	<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 Dirkzwager family. Philippe Dulong is the consultant for Brown Blanc.</p>
Winemaker	Jean-Christophe Mau.
Vintage	<p>Once again, this year, a mild and rather dry winter promoted early budding on the vines, leaving them more vulnerable to spring frosts. The minus temperatures on the mornings of 7 and 8 April were very stressful, but fortunately, there were no losses to report at Château Brown!</p> <p>Following this period of frost, we were faced with an extremely damp spring with record June rainfall of 230 mm, fostering development of downy mildew. However, this was handled well across all vineyards. The summer season then took a long time to set in. A lack of sunshine or heat in July was combined with leafhopper attacks, causing substantial damage to the foliage, and delaying ripening in some areas. Fortunately, the month of August was dry with beautiful sunshine. Beautifully warm and breezy days with slightly cooler nights helped ensure concentrated, high-quality grapes.</p> <p>The end of the season was good, with a superb September and October! The 2021 harvests thus began later than the previous year, but in excellent weather conditions.</p> <p>We were left virtually unscathed by frost and downy mildew, but the small yields are doubtless due to the fact that our vines were subjected to significant stress throughout the majority of their growth cycle from the combination of cold temperatures, damp and lack of sunshine.</p>



Vineyards	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 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.
Harvest	The red harvests took place from 30 September to 12 October. The yields were lower (36 hl/ha).
Vinification/ Maturation	For red grapes winemaking, we favoured gentle extraction to preserve the crisp fruit and ensure greater softness and roundness in the future wine. The vatting periods were relatively long (approximately four weeks), and gentle but repeated pumping over was used to maximise colour extraction. Aged 100 % in French oak barrels (40% of new barrel) for 12 to 15 months
Tasting Notes	When tasted, our fine white wine offers magnificent tension and an explosion of aromas, demonstrating how perfect the weather conditions were for whites. The cool summer temperatures preserved their acidity and aromas. Delicate on the nose with lemon, citrus and white flower notes. And what sensuality on the palate! Full and powerful in the attack, with a precise, lingering finish featuring an addictive touch of sweetness. For our fine red wine, this vintage was very good for Cabernet Sauvignon. This gives the wine its ripe, soft tannins and its deep colour. On the nose, subtle fresh fruit and cherry aromas unfurl over a delicately oaky base. On the palate, the wine is fruity and unctuous in the attack, before revealing silky, caressing tannins. The finish is soft and long with crisp, lingering fruit.
Serve with	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.
Production	6,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2024-2034.
Scores/Awards	86 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2024 83-85 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - May 2022 92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2024 92 points - Jane Anson, Inside Bordeaux - May 2022 89-91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022 93 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - April 2022
Reviews	<i>"Elegant, with some freshness as damson plum and red currant fruit melds with savory and worn cedar notes through the modest finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2025. 6,000 cases made "</i> - JM, Wine Spectator <i>"Fruity, brambly nose with a full package of red berry fruit. Some hibiscus, stones, and spices, too. Fruity and juicy on the palate with medium to full body followed by a tight, vibrant finish. Drink from 2024."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com <i>"Strawberry sweetness and perfume on the nose. Smooth on the palate with a gentle fragrance and sweetness to it."</i> - JA, Decanter.com <i>"Cigar wrapper, tobacco leaf, smoke, spice, and currant aromatics show with ease. Medium-bodied, soft, forward, fresh, and sweet, with soft tannins, ripe, red berries, and a nice polish to the finish. The wine blends 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. Drink from 2023-2037."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
