
Rosé de la Solitude 2019

CSPC# 843937

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot

Appellation

Pessac-Léognan

Classification

Appellation Bordeaux Rosé Controlée

Website

<http://www.domainedelasolitude.com/>

General Info

This wine estate, owned by the Holy Family order of nuns since 1854, is located in Martillac, in the north-west part of the Graves Region and the heart of the Pessac-Léognan appellation. In 1993, the sisters decided to hand over management of Domaine de la Solitude to the Bernard family, owners of the prestigious great growth Domaine de Chevalier. The meticulous, professional care taken in the vineyard and the cellar produces wine that ranks among the finest in the Pessac-Léognan appellation. Started some twenty years ago, the production of Rosé from Domaine de Chevalier and Domaine de la Solitude was only a minor production. But in 2009, a strong decision was made by Olivier Bernard. The Bordeaux Rosé bashing is over, it's time to go in the category of our Provencal friends. Pale color, better acidity, intensity of aromas and elegance of style. And what a result! These two wines have become a reference for Bordeaux, bringing with them the fame of Rosés from the terroirs of Pessac Leognan. Fine packaging, delicious wines and a strong brand image – this is the winning combination for Olivier Bernard's Rosés.

Winemaker

Consultant oenologist: Stéphane DERENONCOURT.

Technical Director: Thomas STONESTREET

Vintage

2019 Pessac Leognan wines are the product of a moderate start to the year, with January, February and March all being relatively average months. April was cooler and wetter than usual, which is a good thing for Pessac Leognan, being that the appellation is warmer than the other regions. April's cool climatic conditions slowed the vintage down a bit. The summer however was warm, sunny, and very dry. Though the nights were often cool, allowing acidities to build. July and August continued the summery conditions. Fortunately, two July rainstorms helped added much needed moisture to the vines.

Most vigneron were busy harvesting Sauvignon Blanc grapes by late August and by mid-September were picking Semillon and young Merlot vines. September was mostly warm, sunny and dry until the last part of the month, which delivered water to the soils helping with the red wine grapes maturity. By mid-October, most growers had completed picking, under good, easy to harvest in conditions.

Vineyards

The terroir, with some similarities to that of Chevalier, is planted with 40 hectares of vines 25 years old. There is identical diversity in both areas, although the structure of the grounds is significant. The grape variety is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot.

Harvest

Handpicked into small crates 3 to 5 waves for optimum ripeness. Cold settling and fermentation in barrel.

Winemaking

Harvesting is done by hand and vinification takes place in vats, usually with endogenous yeasts, based on moderate temperatures, grape varieties and plot origin. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrels. The evolution of the Domaine's wines towards a more shouldered structure, with fine and elegant tannins, allows the winemaker to increase the proportion of new wood during aging.

Tasting Notes

Fresh pink currant tint, slightly orange. Lively nose of tangy fruit and citrus, wild strawberry, exotic fruits and clementine. Delicious and generous mouth, fresh and very fruity.

Serve with

Try it with Mushroom Pate; Niçoise Salad, paella or grilled chicken, or fish. Also enjoyable with rustic pâtés and terrines, charcuterie, ham and sheep's cheese.

Cellaring

Drink 2021-2024

