

Château Doisy Daëne Blanc 2015

CSPC# 772599

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Appellation

Barsac

Website

<http://www.denisdubourdieu.fr/index.php?d=5&l=EN>

General Info

Château Doisy-Daëne is a Barsac estate that produces top-class, sweet Bordeaux white wines that are characterised by their finesse and richness. It takes the second part of its name from an English gentleman who bought it when the original Doisy estate was split up in the 19th century. Doisy-Daëne was extended in the 1950s, with the purchase of a parcel of vines that came from what is now Château Doisy-Dubroca, and there are now 15 hectares of vineyards planted with 70% Sémillon, 20% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Muscadelle. The property is owned by Denis Dubourdieu, a legendary figure in Bordeaux wine circles, especially for the way in which he has revitalised the reputation of the region's dry white wines. As a world-renowned oenologist Denis consults widely for other white wine producers, understandably as he carries the title of Professor of the Faculty of Oenology at Bordeaux University, and, with his son Fabrice, has taken Doisy-Daëne to new heights of excellence. It is the estate's sweet wine which receives most global acclaim; Doisy-Daëne produces quintessential Barsac's with the emphasis on finesse, poise and elegance, rather than power and force. The wines from the best vintages can age gracefully for up to 20 years.

Vintage

In 2015, weather conditions were optimal. Flowering, fruit set and ripening took place under excellent conditions with, for the most part, sunny days and cool nights.

Vineyards

The composition of the soil of the Barsac plateau is from a geological standpoint and for the Bordeaux region unusual A thin layer of clayey sands, known as "Barsac red sands", tops the chalky subsoil. This lightly cracked calcareous rock layer limits the rooting depth of the vine to about twenty inches. The water that got stored within the slightly porous rock throughout the summer, is progressively dispensed to the vine during the winter, preventing thus a water overload. This soil is particularly well-suited to the making of elegant and distinguished white wines.

Replanted in its vast majority between the 50's and 60's, the Doisy-Daëne vineyard is over forty years old. It is currently 18,2hectares wide. With a density of 7,000 plants per hectare, it is planted with 86 % Sémillon and 14 % Sauvignon.

Vinification/ Maturation

Once grapes have ripened, a few bunches are collected on each vine from all the Sauvignon plots. After an eventual phase of skin contact, a slow juice extraction is performed, protected from the oxidation process. Free run must, is strictly separated from press must and their clarification undergoes by natural settling. Fermentation takes place in barrels renewed by fifth. Ageing lasts 8 months with lees regularly stirred.

Winemaker's Notes

The Grand Vin Sec de Doisy-Daëne is one of the best Vins Blancs Secs of Bordeaux. Considered like Doisy-Daëne Barsac's young brother, it expresses in a different style all the distinction and finesse of this exceptional terroir. It possesses an unusual aromatic power, with grapefruit and white peach aromas and unleashes on the palate flavors of pear and spice. Delicious when young it also has great ageing potential (5 to 10 years).

Tasting Notes

The Grand Sec Blanc is a stunning Sauvignon Blanc wine that continues this estate's tradition of excellence. The wine pours a light gold with copper highlights in the glass. On the nose, aromas of mango, pineapple and passion fruit explode out of the glass. This wine arrests your attention and focuses your concentration on its richness and hedonistic aromas. On the palate, the wine has a racy, yet gorgeously rich body with concentrated and seductive tropical fruit flavors. These intense flavors cascade across the palate leading into a finish that is the perfect length. Once you're finished with your first glass, you'll reach for the bottle to pour another.



Serve with	Salmon with bearnaise sauce; lobster-mushroom risotto; Fettuccine with shrimp & lemon; Vegetarian curry.
Production	2,750 cases made
Cellaring	Drink now-2018
Scores/Awards	<p>93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2018</p> <p>91-94 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2016</p> <p>88-90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #224 - April 2016</p> <p>90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2018</p> <p>90 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018 (score only)</p> <p>92 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2016 (score only)</p> <p>17-18 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2016</p> <p>14.5 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2016</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"This bristles with tarragon, verbena and chamomile notes, while white peach, citrus peel and yellow apple fruit forms the core. A stunning quinine spine takes over on the finish, letting the flavors play out while leaving a mouthwatering echo. Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now through 2024. 2,750 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Tantalizing, with a shortbread whiff flirting with white peach, orange pith and verbena notes. The long, racy finish shows good tension to match the richer hints. Score range: 91-94"</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2015 Doisy Daene Blanc Sec has a tightly wound bouquet that was not expressive in the glass, though the palate is more representative with fine weight in the mouth, grapefruit and lime notes with a pleasant twist of sour lemon on the finish. Give it a couple of years in bottle."</i></p> <p>- NM, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"The 2015 Blanc Sec from Doisy Daene has a crisp and vibrant bouquet with citrus fruit, yellow flowers and light granite-like aromas, all very focused and conveying a sense of energy. The palate is well balanced with a touch of rosewater on the entry, quite saline toward the finish with a touch of bitter lemon. This is such a fascinating dry white Sauternes—a superb wine."</i></p> <p>- NM, Wine Journal</p>
