
Château Monbousquet Blanc 2020

CSPC# 888353

750mlx6

12.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety
Appellation
Classification
Website
General Info

62% Sauvignon Blanc, 38% Sauvignon Gris

St. Emilion

Grand Cru Classé

<http://chateaumonbousquet.com/eng/p/vins>

Chateau Monbousquet is another St. Emilion estate with a long history in the appellation that can trace its history all the way back to 1540. At the time, Monbousquet belonged to François de Lescours, before it became the property of the well-established De Carles family.

In fact, Monbousquet remained in the hands of the de Carles family for almost 150 years. The beautiful, classically styled chateau was built in 1648 by Jacques de Geres. The chateau is now the private home of Gerard Perse and Chantal Perse along with the rest of the Perse family.

Shortly after Gérard Perse obtained Chateau Monbousquet, he began renovating the estate. The entire 32-hectare vineyard of Monbousquet was analyzed and drained. This limited rises in the water table during prolonged wet spells in future vintages.

Next, they completely rebuilt the winemaking facilities and cellars at Chateau Monbousquet. Gerard Perse also constructed an entirely new barrel aging cellar for his Right Bank estate.

The idea for the white wine was born in early 1994 during a vineyard inspection with Michel Rolland; actually, it was more of an impulse than an idea, almost a crazy bet. While deciding which grapes to plant on a freshly prepared parcel of land, Gérard Perse and Michel Rolland came up with an idea - why not white? These two men, one a world-famous oenologist, the other a passionate newcomer to Saint-Emilion, both loved a challenge. Together they decided to rise to the task, and this parcel called "La Gravière" was planted with Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Gris, Semillon and Muscadelle.

The varieties were unheard of in Saint-Emilion, and the results were not certain. However, Michel Rolland's talents and Gérard Perse's convictions were not suited to half-measures...After three years of patient waiting and careful work, the first harvest showed promise, and vintage after vintage, their success became more evident. A subtle harmony of citrus, dominated by grapefruit and lemon, with waves of white peach, honey, and nectarine; a fruity, smoky palate; a magnificent length....they won their bet, proving that the terroir of Saint-Emilion is capable of producing a great dry white wine.

Winemakers Michel Rolland

Vintage 2020 begins with a mild and wet winter and a spring with lots of rain. The vines therefore begin to bud early. At Château Monbousquet, the vintage is therefore early. The summer is hot and dry which allows the grapes to reach a very good maturity quickly.

Vineyards The surface area of Château Monbousquet is 32 hectares. Concerning white wine, the castle devotes 1 hectare to its production. There is 65% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Sauvignon Gris and 5% Sémillon and Muscadelle blended. The soils are very rich with deep gravel and sandy clay soils.

Harvest The harvest is carried out manually then sorted. The pressing is then carried out on the whole bunches. Pruned to six spurs, leaf thinning, and green harvesting. The grapes are picked and sorted by hand.

**Vinification/
Maturation** The white wine of Château Monbousquet benefits from aging for six months in 25% vats, 38% new oak barrels and 37% one-year-old barrels The final blending is done just before bottling, and the wine is neither fined nor filtered.

Tasting Notes This wine is very pleasant on the nose. It is fruity with notes of white fruits, especially white peach, and citrus. It is quite complex and aromatic. This white Monbousquet 2020 is pleasant in the mouth with a round and fat side.



Serve with	Monbousquet Blanc is perfect when served with all types of seafood, shellfish, chicken, veal, pork, and cheese.
Cellaring	Best from 2023 through 2033
Scores/Awards	<p>91-93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021</p> <p>94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2021</p> <p>92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2021</p> <p>90-92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2021</p> <p>89-91 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2021</p> <p>93-94 points - Vert de Vin - May 2021</p> <p>90-91 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - July 2021</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"The 2020 Monbousquet Blanc is a blend of 62% Sauvignon Blanc and 38% Sauvignon Gris, aging for six months in 25% vats, 38% new oak barrels and 37% one-year-old barrels. It springs from the glass with exuberant notes of fresh Bosc pears, white peaches, and green guava, plus and undercurrent of lime blossoms, lemongrass and chalk dust. The medium-bodied palate is clean and refreshing, with a seriously zippy line of freshness cutting through the pear and tropical fruit flavors, finishing long and zesty."</i></p> <p>- WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Beautiful, exotic aromas of green mangos and pineapples. Pears, too. It's full and creamy with a gorgeous texture and a vivid finish. Harvested very early with fantastic results. Sauvignon Blanc and sauvignon gris."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Blending 62% Sauvignon Blanc with 38% Sauvignon Gris starts right off the bat with white peach, lemon oil, cut grass and honeysuckle. Rich, supple and creamy with bright, fresh citrus and a touch of mango, you find lift, freshness and loads of fruit in the finish."</i></p> <p>- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"The 2020 Monbousquet Blanc was whole-bunch-pressed and matured in 38% new oak. The bouquet has a pleasing edginess that might have been missing in a couple of recent vintages, more of the terroir seeps through, touches of crushed gravel intermingling with white flowers. The well-balanced palate delivers orange peel, lemon zest and just a touch of grilled hazelnut, and fine depth and plenty of energy on the finish. This white Saint-Émilion comes recommended."</i></p> <p>- NM, Vinous</p> <p><i>"Light golden yellow, silver reflections. Fresh meadow herbs, a touch of white peach and fresh pear fruit, gentle notes of tobacco. Medium body, white tropical fruit, mild acid structure, lemony touch on the finish, versatile."</i></p> <p>- PM, Falstaff Magazine</p> <p><i>"The nose is fruity and offers a certain freshness, a nice definition, a very fine power as well as a certain richness in finesse. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince, small notes of fleshy apple associated with small touches of kumquat, pepper, fine hints of fresh zests, a discreet hint of exotic/lychee fruits, fresh flower as well as an imperceptible hint of varietal and a very discreet hint of saline. The mouth is fruity, balanced, all in precision and offers juiciness, suavity, freshness, a good definition, a certain gourmandize, an acidulous frame, subtilty, tension, racy minerality, a nice finesse of the grain as well as an aerial character (in the balances). On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, fresh/juicy nectarine, small notes of juicy mandarin associated with touches of fresh pineapple, fresh lychee as well as a discreet hint of Quenette, a very discreet hint of white flower/lemon flower and an imperceptible hint of vervain. Good length."</i></p> <p>- Vert de Vin</p>
