
Château Mont-Pérat Blanc 2023

CSPC# 146023

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.



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| Grape Variety | 70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Semillon. |
| Appellation | Cotes de Bordeaux |
| Website | http://despaigne.fr/en/mont-perat/ |
| Sustainability | Grassing, green harvest, de-budding, manual thinning of the leaves. Selective picking in the vines. |
| General Info | <p>Château Mont-Pérat, archaically Domaine du Peyrat, is a Bordeaux winery from the appellation Premières Côtes de Bordeaux in the department Gironde. The estate is located on the Right Bank of the Garonne, opposite that of Graves, in the commune of Capian. The estate produces a red, and a dry white, <i>grand vin</i>. Mont-Pérat has for long remained relatively unknown, though the estate was mentioned in the second edition of <i>Féret</i> in 1864, it has more recently been described as a wine that could pass for being much more expensive.</p> <p>The estate was acquired by the Despaigne family in 1998, also proprietors of the considerably more fashionable and higher priced Merlot based wine Girolate. Today, the family business is in the hands of the younger generation: Thibault, Gabriel and Basaline. Associated with Joël Elissalde, technical director and longtime partner, they manage over 300 hectares of vineyards on the best soils of Entre-Deux-Mers and Cotes de Bordeaux.: Girolate; Chateau Mont-Pérat; Chateau Tour de Mirambeau; Château Bel Air Perponcher; Chateau Rauzan Despaigne; and Lion Castle Beaulieu. With their collaborators, Despaigne are aimed to bring the properties to the highest level.</p> |
| Winemaker | Thibault Despaigne |
| Vintage | <p>The 2023 growing season for the Château Mont-Pérat Blanc was characterized by a challenging, humid spring and early summer followed by a hot, dry late summer, resulting in a fresh and vibrant style for the white wines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mild and Dry Winter/Spring: Allowed for early bud break, but the early season was marked by high humidity.• "Tropical" June: Intense heat and rain during June caused high mildew pressure, requiring diligent management.• Hot/Dry Summer & September: Following a cloudy July, August and early September were very hot, helping with the maturation of white varieties. |
| Vineyards | The vineyards extend 102 hectares (250 acres) with vines of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Muscadelle. Clay over limestone and gravel; Average age of the vines: 19 years; Plantation density: 4900 /ha; Yield: 6 bunches per vine. |
| Harvest | Dry whites were picked under good conditions, producing wines with good acidity and freshness, often described as bright and fruity with notes of citrus and green fruit |
| Vinification/ Maturation | Pressing of the grapes at low temperature with nitrogen addition to help preserve from oxidation. Decanting during several days in stainless-steel vats at low temperature. Half of the production is vinified in new oak barrels. Stirring of the lees twice a week. |
| Tasting Notes | The white wines exhibit a striking intensity, characterized by notes of exotic fruits and candied lemon. The palate is precise, presenting a vintage that offers both depth and extension. Truly a remarkable vintage for white wines. |
| Serve with | Vegetables, lean fish, and appetizers. |
| Cellaring | Drink 2024-2027 |
| Scores/Awards | <p>89-91 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2024</p> <p>92 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - April 2024</p> <p>86 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2024</p> <p>89-91 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2024</p> <p>90 points - Raffaele Vecchione, WinesCritic.com - April 2024</p> |