

# Château Reynon Blanc 2011

CSPC# 763554

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

## Grape Variety

100% Sauvignon Blanc

## Appellation

Côtes de Bordeaux

## Website

<http://www.denisdubourdieu.com/index.php?d=1&l=EN>

## General Info

Château Reynon is located in Béguey, near Cadillac, on a south-facing slope of the Garonne right bank. A part of the vineyard is also found in the neighboring commune of Laroque on magnificent south-east facing slopes and an ancient calcareous terrace originating from the Oeuille, a small tributary of the Garonne river.

The origins of the estate date back to the 15th century, when it was called Château de Béguey. At the end of the 16th century the property was still owned by the nobility, as it belonged to Jean de La Roque, who also owned an estate in Barsac. In the 18th century the vineyard belonged to the Carle de Trajet family, who emigrated during the French revolution. It is then sold by the State to the Laspeyère family who, in 1850, built the present neo-classical style residence after pulling down the old one.

Just before 1900, the estate, whose name was, at the time, Château du Peyrat was bought by Emile Pollet, a Parisian wine merchant.

In 1958, Jacques David purchased the estate. He belonged to a very old vine grower family from Omet, a neighboring village. He also inherited a vineyard in the commune of Laroque not far from his new acquisition. Those two vineyards are since then part of the same estate.

In 1976, his daughter Florence, and his son-in-law, Denis Dubourdieu, Engineer in Agriculture, took over the estate which is labeled Château Reynon since 1979. It very soon became well-known thanks to its Sauvignon. The winery of Reynon was during the 80's a laboratory of choice for Denis Dubourdieu, then a young Scientist at the University of oenology who specializes in the wine making of dry white wines.

## Vineyards

A great vintage for Bordeaux whites. Located in Beguey in the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux appellation, Chateau Reynon was purchased by the Dubourdieu family in 1958. Denis Dubourdieu took over vineyard work in 1976 and the chateau is now one of the finest in the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux. The vineyard's deep gravelly soil with clay subsoil is situated on a well-draining hillside. With a surface area of 20.5 ha, the red vineyard is composed of 81% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot. The density of the vineyard is 5,500 plants per hectare. The 12.8 hectares white vineyard is made up of 87% Sauvignon Blanc and 13% Sémillon. The density of the vineyard is 5,500 plants per hectare.

## Harvest

Harvest was September 27th to October 9th.

## Vinification/

## Maturation

Hand-harvesting is performed in general in one time and if it's required in 2 selective pickings of golden grapes with an aromatic optimum stage. 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 stainless steel vats. Ageing on lees in tanks last 5 to 7 months before bottling

## Tasting Notes

The soil quality, moderate production, fine wine-making process makes it possible to obtain an elegant dry white wine, at once complex and tasty with grapefruit and white peach aromas, with mineral and smoky hints, with a remarkable aging potential in bottle over several years.

## Cellaring

Drink 2014-2019

## Scores/Awards

**90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013

**87-90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2012

**87-90 points** - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - July 2012

**89 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2012

**87 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only)



**Reviews** *“Steely and pure, with mouthwatering honeysuckle, chamomile and quinine notes that ripple from the start, backed by a long yellow apple accent that sails on brightly. Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now through 2016.”*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*“Pure, with unadorned sweet pea, tarragon and white peach notes, followed by a rounded, open-knit finish. Score range: 87-90”*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*“Pale straw-green. Exotic green tropical fruits and pineapple on the pure, fruit-driven nose. The palate boasts fresh, lemony zip and good density, with nuances of asparagus and gooseberry emerging with air. This strikes me as a riper, fruitier and less grassy Reynon Blanc than usual. Finishes clean and long”*  
- ST, International Wine Cellar

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