
Château Reynon Blanc 2017

CSPC# 831560

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 Laspeyrière 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.

Winemaker

Madame Levigne

Vintage

2017 in white wine is something very special because in 2017 we have extremely great acidity and freshness due to cool August and early harvest, often in late August after the cool phase. We have the body of the early bloom and warm early summer, the heat wave in May and June, as well as the cool and fresh August phase. And before the new heat wave and the big rain in September, the harvest took place.

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.

**Vinification/
Maturation**

Made from hand-harvested Sauvignon Blanc, collected in two selective pickings of golden grapes at the optimum aromatic stage. After a brief period of skin contact and a slow extraction, fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats; the wine is aged for about six months on the lees. Fermentation takes place in tanks - 50% in stainless steel tanks and 50% in wooden tank from 60 to 80 Hl.

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. The Sauvignon nose is totally ripe and

Tasting Notes	voluminous on one side. So not New Zealand at all. No gooseberry. Just a little nettle and very little hay. Melon, citrus, grapefruit. But citrus and grapefruit definitely take the majority. Very
Tasting Notes	nice, intense, long nose. An ultra-fine Sauvignon mouth. So delicate, so minerally long and so wonderful acidity that keeps rolling up in the back. Citrus, grapefruit, again in the aftertaste. Maybe even a little lime. The whole thing with a lychee, apple fruitiness. Even a little orange zest. Add some unripe apricot. It's the best Reynon I've tried. I am very impressed with such a small wine.
Serve with	Elegant and zesty, delicious with dishes featuring smoked salmon, tomatoes, asparagus, green herbs, goat's cheese or white fish.
Production	3,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2020-2025
Scores/Awards	<p>92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2019</p> <p>90-93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - April 2018</p> <p>90-92 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate #236 - April 2018</p> <p>87 points/Best Buy - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - July 1, 2018</p> <p>16.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2018</p> <p>91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2018</p> <p>92 points - Decanter.com - April 2018</p> <p>87 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only)</p> <p>91 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2020</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Lovely tarragon, mâché and sweet pea notes stream through, set against a backdrop of lemon peel and pith to deliver a pure, bracing feel. Drink now through 2022. 3,000 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Very fresh, with delicious mâché, star fruit, lemon zest and thyme notes streaking through. 3,000 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2017 Blanc has a super intense lime and lemon juice nose with hints of orange slices and coriander seed. The palate is medium-bodied with a great intensity of citrus fruits and wonderful depth, giving an electric backbone and long finish."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Taut and crisp, this is a lively, bright wine with intense acidity and a tangy, mineral texture that accompanies layers of pear, lemon and gooseberry. Drink now."</i> - RV, Wine Enthusiast</p> <p><i>"Intense lemon and grapefruit aroma with a touch of Sauvignon Blanc herbal character. Very Sauvignon on the palate, herbal citrus, but with a slight grip adding texture and length. Oak is very subtle. Extremely moreish, good fruit depth and length."</i> - JH, JancisRobinson.com</p> <p><i>"An appealing richness alongside the minerality, the brightness to the overall structure is clear, as is the fleshy white peach character. Excellent quality, depth and power. Hard to quibble with in terms of value and the clarity of flavour it delivers. Drinking Window 2018 – 2025"</i> - JA, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"Another wine from the stable of Denis Dubourdieu. Showing great floral intensity on the nose, it's richer on the palate than some 2017s, with luscious, semi-tropical fruit characters and intense spiciness to finish. Plenty of depth and plushness here"</i> - Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"The 2017 Reynon Blanc, 100% Sauvignon Blanc, dazzles with its crystalline precision. A white of cut and energy, the 2017 is loaded with citrus, sage, tomato leaf and mint notes that show the brighter, grassier side of Sauvignon Blanc off to great effect. Tasted two times."</i> - AG, Vinous</p>
