
Château de Chantegrive Cuvee Caroline 2009

CSPC# 749543

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

50% Sauvignon Blanc, 50% Sémillon

Appellation

Graves

General Info

Château de Chantegrive is one of the largest wine estates in the Graves appellation, in the commune of Podensac, with 97 hectares (240 acres) of vines.

It is a member of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux. The Chateau produces red & rose wines from Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as white wines based on Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon from 10 hectares (25 acres) of 30+ years old vines

In 1966 Henri and Françoise Lévêque purchased some vineyards around the village of Podensac and gradually set about creating the Chantegrive estate. The baton has now been passed to the younger generation and the progress continues.

Vineyards

The Cuvée Caroline is their white wine produced from 12 hectares of vines.

Soil: Sand and gravel over a limestone and clay subsoil

Harvest

By hand, with successive sortings

Maturation

The juice is fermented in barrel and is then aged in new Allier oak casks for 9 months, with regular stirring of the lees to enrich then wine

Tasting Notes

Bright golden-green robe, elegant and intense nose of vanilla, fresh butter, lemon, grilled almonds and lime. On the palate, very fruity attack, very nice wood with exotic fruits and wild mint on the finish.

Production

5,000 cases made

Cellaring

Drink now

Scores/Awards

89 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012

89 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

90-92 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - September 8, 2010

Reviews

"This has filled out nicely, with enticing toasted brioche and salted butter notes framing a core of creamy-textured green melon and yellow apple fruit. Equal parts Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now. 5,000 cases made."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Always one of the better values in dry white Bordeaux, this wine displays notes of buttered citrus and tropical fruit oils as well as hints of wood smoke and spice. It is elegant, with excellent texture and a medium-bodied finish. Drink it over the next 2-4 years."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"90-92 Barrel sample. Bright herbaceous fruit, lots of freshness, lively citrus character. The wine is light, vivid, finally deliciously crisp."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

