

Château Brown Blanc 2020

CSPC# 763540

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Sémillon

Appellation

Pessac Léognan

Classification

Grand Vin de Graves

Website

<http://www.chateau-brown.com/index.php?act=,,,,,,en>

Sustainability

Wine is made according to extremely sustainable principles, whereas of the year 2016, the HVE certification has been awarded. (High Environmental Certification).

General Info

Standing at the gateway to Bordeaux, Château Brown stretches between three towns: Gradignan, Villenave-d'Ornon and Léognan. The proximity of these towns gives the estate a mild climate ideal for the ripening of fruit and thus conducive to making high-quality wines. Set in the oldest Bordeaux wine region (the northern Graves) Château Brown is to be found right at the heart of the world-famous Pessac-Léognan appellation. Château Brown, as its name suggests, bears testimony to the close links that have always existed between the Bordeaux region and the Anglo-Saxons. Founded in the late Middle Ages when Aquitaine belonged to England, Château Brown owes its name to the wealthy Scottish wine trader John Lewis Brown, who settled in Bordeaux in the late 18th century. An enthusiast of wines and art, this epicurean passed on not only his name but also his passions to his grandson, the animal painter John Lewis Brown. The owners came and went at Château Brown over the centuries and the estate alternated between glory and neglect. It was not until the late 20th century that the estate was fully restored to its former eminent position under the impulse of Bernard Barthe, the master of the château for the last decade. In December 2004, he decided to place his life's work in the hands of a famous dynasty of wine traders: the Mau family, in partnership with the Dutch Dirkzwager family.

Winemaker

Philippe Dulong is the consultant for Brown Blanc.

Vintage

The earliest vintage in the past ten years, 2020 began with a mild and rainy winter, favouring bud break three weeks early and an accelerated growth of the vegetation in the spring. The frost of March 27 damaged the buds and impacted the yields of the whites. While heavy rainfall marked the period between late May and early June, the particularly hot month of July was followed by a very dry month of August. The deep rooting of the vines, which are 40 years old on average, coupled with regular ploughing, have made it possible to fight against severe water stress. The lenient weather conditions at the end of August and the beginning of September allowed for the harvest of perfectly ripe grapes in good sanitary condition.

Vineyards

At the gateway to Bordeaux in the Pessac-Léognan area, Château Brown stands on a 63-hectare estate with 29 hectares of vines in a single stretch: 23.5 hectares for the reds and 5.5 ha for the whites. The red grapes are mainly Cabernet Sauvignon (55%) and Merlot (40%) but there is also a little Petit Verdot (5%). The plots given over to white grapes are shared between 70% Sauvignon and 30% Semillon. Average vine age is 15yrs, in fine gravel

Harvest

100% manual, with sorting in the vineyard and transportation in small cases to avoid any risk of oxydation.

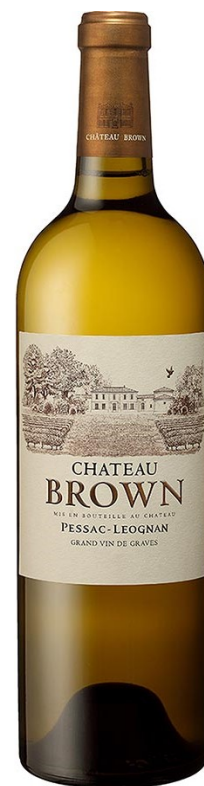
Vinification/

Maturation

Maceration on the skins under cold conditions for 10 hours; grapes pressed whole. Alcoholic fermentation in oak barrels and maturing for 8 months in oak barrels (60% new barrels) with stirring on the fine lees.

Tasting Notes

Medium yellow. Strongly woody, behind it a lot of ripe fruit, spices. Powerful start, has body, opulent fruit, some pressure on the middle palate, good acidity, the wood is also present here. In the finish again with lots of ripe fruit. More power than finesse but very good quality.



Serve with	Milanese-style medallion of veal with ricotta ravioli in a tomato and fresh oregano cream: the tender meat and fresh cheese flavour will provide the perfect match for the aromatic power of this Château Brown White.
Production	1,250 cases made
Cellaring	Drink now -2024
Scores/Awards	<p>92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p>93-94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2021</p> <p>93-95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2021</p> <p>92 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2021</p> <p>85 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2021</p> <p>15.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2018</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"A plump and forward version, with salted butter and shortbread notes adding a caressing edge underneath Meyer lemon, white peach, and honeysuckle notes. Crowd-pleasing in style. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now through 2024. 1,250 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"A solid white with sliced ripe apples and limes. It's full and layered with a solid core of fruit and bright acidity and phenolic tension holding it all together very convincingly. Barrel Sample: 93-94."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Already a finely perfumed wine, this has spice from the wood aging that will balance the ripe, kiwi and white fruit flavors. The wine's fine acidity promises a fresh texture that will broaden with aging potential. Barrel Sample: 93-95."</i></p> <p>- RV, Wine Enthusiast</p> <p><i>"Silky and seductive fleshy peach and pomegranate flavours alongside stone fruits with a touch of lemongrass, citrus, and grapefruit flesh. Enjoyable. Drinking Window 2021 – 2028."</i></p> <p>- JA, Decanter.com</p>
