

Château Doisy Daëne Blanc 2018

CSPC# 831590

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Appellation

Bordeaux Blanc A.O.C., Barsac

Website

<http://www.denisdubourdieu.fr/index.php?d=5&l=EN>

General Info

Château Doisy-Daëne is a Barsac estate that produces top-class, sweet Bordeaux white wines that are characterised by their finesse and richness. It takes the second part of its name from an English gentleman who bought it when the original Doisy estate was split up in the 19th century. Doisy-Daëne was extended in the 1950s, with the purchase of a parcel of vines that came from what is now Château Doisy-Dubroca, and there are now 15 hectares of vineyards planted with 70% Sémillon, 20% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Muscadelle. The property is owned by Denis Dubourdieu, a legendary figure in Bordeaux wine circles, especially for the way in which he has revitalised the reputation of the region's dry white wines. As a world-renowned oenologist Denis consults widely for other white wine producers, understandably as he carries the title of Professor of the Faculty of Oenology at Bordeaux University, and, with his son Fabrice, has taken Doisy-Daëne to new heights of excellence. It is the estate's sweet wine which receives most global acclaim; Doisy-Daëne produces quintessential Barsac's with the emphasis on finesse, poise and elegance, rather than power and force. The wines from the best vintages can age gracefully for up to 20 years.

Winemaker

Jean Jacques Dubourdieu

Vintage

2018 White Bordeaux wines are the product of a warm, very dry summer. At the end of the summer, temperatures remained warm and dry. While this was perfect for the red wine grapes, it was a little too hot and dry for the white wine grapes. Picking of the white wine grapes began in August, allowing the fruit to retain as much freshness as possible.

2018 White Bordeaux wines are mixed. At their best, the wines are ripe, luscious, fruity, round, and sweet, with creamy tannins with touches of tropical fruits and honeysuckle in the nose. Numerous 2018 white Bordeaux wines are already quite enjoyable to drink.

Vineyards

The composition of the soil of the Barsac plateau is from a geological standpoint and for the Bordeaux region unusual A thin layer of clayey sands, known as "Barsac red sands", tops the chalky subsoil. This lightly cracked calcareous rock layer limits the rooting depth of the vine to about twenty inches. The water that got stored within the slightly porous rock throughout the summer, is progressively dispensed to the vine during the winter, preventing thus a water overload. This soil is particularly well-suited to the making of elegant and distinguished white wines.

Replanted in its vast majority between the 50's and 60's, the Doisy-Daëne vineyard is over forty years old. It is currently 18,2hectares wide. With a density of 7,000 plants per hectare, it is planted with 86 % Sémillon and 14 % Sauvignon.

Harvest

Manual collection by successive sorting.

Vinification/ Maturation

Once grapes have ripened, a few bunches are collected on each vine from all the Sauvignon plots. 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 barrels renewed by fifth. Ageing lasts 12 months with lees regularly stirred.

Tasting Notes

The Grand Vin Sec de Doisy-Daëne is one of the best Vins Blancs Secs of Bordeaux. Considered like Doisy-Daëne Barsac's young brother, it expresses in a different style all the distinction and finesse of this exceptional terroir. It possesses an unusual aromatic power, with grapefruit and white peach aromas and unleashes on the palate



Tasting Notes	flavors of pear and spice. Delicious when young it also has great ageing potential (5 to 10 years).
Serve with	Salmon with bearnaise sauce; lobster-mushroom risotto; Fettuccine with shrimp & lemon; Vegetarian curry.
Cellaring	Drink now -2025
Production	1,833 cases made
Scores/Awards	<p>93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2021</p> <p>90-93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - April 2019</p> <p>90-92 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019</p> <p>91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2019</p> <p>89 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021</p> <p>92 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - March 2019</p> <p>93 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com (score only) - March 2019</p> <p>91-92 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - February 2021</p> <p>17 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"A pure rapier of a white, bristling with racy tension as its white peach, fleur de sel, honeysuckle and star fruit flavors whistle through. Long, tightly focused finish. Serve with oysters now or age a touch and pair with Asian food. Drink now through 2025. 1,833 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Yellow apple, fennel and key lime notes mingle in this tasty white, with a rapier finish. Very steely. Barrel Sample: 90-93."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The Doisy Daëne 2018 Blanc Sec is a little closed and still a bit cloudy at this nascent stage. It gives lovely lemon tart and grapefruit scents with hints of lime leaves and chalk dust. Medium-bodied, tightly wound, refreshing and citrusy, it has a nice, long mineral-laced finish. Barrel Sample: 90-92."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Lime and kiwi on display here, with the acidity buoyed by depth of fruit ensuring that it doesn't feel too intrusive. The Sauvignon Blanc marks the palate and makes it stand out next to the other Sauternes whites (these are Barsac vines). A dry white that dates back to 1948, and the only 100% Sauvignon Blanc on limestone from Barsac. Always enjoyable. Drinking Window 2020 – 2026."</i> - Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"Slightly honeyed yellow citrus with green apples and mango in a round, forward, early drinking style."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p>
