

## G de Guiraud Blanc 2021

CSPC# 870796

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	50% <i>Sémillon</i> , 50% <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>
<b>Appellation</b>	Sauternes
<b>Classification</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> wine - Bordeaux Blanc Sec
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.chateauguiraud.com/resources/assets/pdf/g_fiche_technique.pdf">https://www.chateauguiraud.com/resources/assets/pdf/g_fiche_technique.pdf</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	Château Guiraud got Organic Farming certification in early 2011 and has managed the vineyard using organic methods since 1996.
<b>General Info</b>	<p>Chateau Guiraud, an 1855 Classified First Growth, is one of the most prominent estates in the southern Bordeaux region. This fine estate in the Sauternes appellation has been driven by its pioneering spirit since its creation. Since 1996, the estate has been devoted to biodiversity and in 2011 obtained an Organic Agriculture certification.</p> <p>G of Château Guiraud is a dry white wine made from grapes harvested at full maturity. It is aged for approximately 7 months in the oak barrels that produced the previous year's Grand Cru. It reveals richness of expression and an assertive personality. The blend of 50% Sauvignon Blanc and 50% Sémillon makes it a remarkable wine whose potential will challenge the palate of wine-lovers and confirmed wine-tasters alike.</p>
<b>Winemakers</b>	Xavier Planty
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>A good vintage for a great white wine! The first buds appeared with homogeneity. At the end of March, a sharp frost meant that several plots were to have their production adversely affected. Rainfall returned to normal levels this year, but temperatures were higher than over the previous five years. In these conditions there was an increased risk of contaminations developing in this spring of 2020. Fortunately, our mix of strategy and technicity avoided further loss of production. From beginning to end summer provided a warm, dry climate. Over the last 5 vintages, de-leaving and top-trimming have tended to fade out at Château Guiraud, which is one of the reasons why the vines are better able to cope with drought conditions. Maturation takes place at just the right pace. Starting on August 20th, 120 pickers harvested through to September 7th. The conditions were ideal.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>Resting on 85 hectares of sandy gravel and clay gravel, the Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon vines are cultivated with the utmost care. The vineyard dedicated to the production of Chateau Guiraud's G 2021 comprises 44 hectares of vines that are 35 years old on average.</p> <p>Soils: 80% sandy gravels, 20% clay gravels. Subsoils: deep translucent sand, pure gravels crossed by red clay and limestone marls, fossilized oyster beds and red and white clay. Vine density: 6600 plants/ ha.</p>
<b>Harvest</b>	<p>Harvest: exclusively manual with 120 harvesters for 9 days. Starting date: 20th August. Ending date: 7th September</p>
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Following the manual harvest, the perfectly ripe grapes are transferred to barrels (80%) in which Chateau Guiraud was made, followed by stainless steel tanks (20%) where they undergo an almost 3-week fermentation period. The G 2021 is then aged in barrels for 8 months with stirring of the lees to develop the aromas and preserve the purity of the fruit.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	"The 2020 vintage of the G de Chateau Guiraud cuvée offers you a harmonious and aromatic Bordeaux white wine. In the glass, you will observe remarkable tension. The prodigious aromatic complexity of this vintage will immediately strike you. The wine is both dense and fresh. The hint of hazelnut butter combines with peach and citrus notes, ending in a lively finish on the palate. This is the 10th vintage of G certified Guiraud 2020 is undeniably a great Bordeaux wine organic. The G de Château. I wish you every enjoyment upon the discovery!" Luc Planty (février 2021)



<b>Serve with</b>	Ideal accompaniment We recommend this wine for asparagus-based dishes, fish and lobster terrines, shellfish, and olives. It is also delicious as an aperitif, with fresh cheese and goat cheese.
<b>Production</b>	215000 bottles made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2022-2030
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>91 points</b> - James Suckling, <a href="https://www.jamesSuckling.com">JamesSuckling.com</a> - May 2021</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Jane Anson, <a href="https://www.decanter.com">Decanter.com</a> - October 2021</p> <p><b>96 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2021</p> <p><b>86 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - February 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Lots of sliced-lime and apricot character with a medium body and a layered finish. Creamy and attractive."</i> - JS, <a href="https://www.jamesSuckling.com">JamesSuckling.com</a></p> <p><i>"50% Sémillon, 50% Sauvignon Blanc. Floral, honeycomb and lanolin on the nose and just a little sweet and light on the finish."</i> - JH, <a href="https://www.jancisrobinson.com">JancisRobinson.com</a></p> <p><i>"Richer in mouthfeel than some vintages of G de Guiraud, this has a lovely tang of lime juice and lemongrass and silky texture - enjoyable and with a twist on the finish."</i> - JA, <a href="https://www.decanter.com">Decanter.com</a></p> <p><i>"Pretty notes of quince, honeyed orange, white flowers, and apricot-like notes all emerge from the 2019 Château Guiraud, which is medium to full-bodied and has a terrific sense of purity, a focused, elegant texture, and a great finish. Developing more and more complexity with time in the glass, it delivers an incredibly precise, elegant texture that keeps you coming back."</i> - Jeb Dunnuck</p>

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