

G de Guiraud Blanc 2021

CSPC# 871457

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

55% *Sémillon*, 45% *Sauvignon Blanc*

Appellation

Sauternes

Classification

2nd wine - Bordeaux Blanc Sec

Website

https://www.chateauguiraud.com/resources/assets/pdf/g_fiche_technique.pdf

Sustainability

Château Guiraud got Organic Farming certification in early 2011 and has managed the vineyard using organic methods since 1996.

General Info

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.

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.

Winemakers

Xavier Planty and Luc Planty

Vintage

The winter at the beginning of 2021 was much rainier than usual, and the season carried unusual waves of hard cold followed by milder periods. Spring was particularly mild and dry, causing early budding at the start of April, a phenomenon that has occurred over the past few years, too. It isn't so much the early budding that causes an issue, but rather the sudden frost that can happen afterwards. The result of this frost, particularly devastating on the 7th and 8th of April 2021, was a drastic loss for wine makers in certain areas. Cold snaps also struck in May, as well, adding insult to injury for anxious vintners at the mercy of the weather. The rest of May was damp and cool, conditions that naturally slow down vine growth, until June came around with a sunnier disposition. The vines blossomed in the clement conditions of June, but unfortunately this wave of warmth didn't last. From mid-June, Bordeaux's vineyards were faced with stormy weather, heavy rain, and even hail. And this humid state of affairs created the perfect conditions for...plant pathogens! Unfortunately, mildew was particularly virulent in the region's vineyards. Overall, the summer season was pretty grim and lacking in sunshine, with a cool and soggy July making way for a cool and soggy August. This actually caused the vines to continue growing, an unusual happening since the vines should stop before *véraison* (the period when the grapes change colour, from green to red or yellow). This stage thus took place towards mid-August. Luckily, the passage from the end of summer to the start of autumn brought much better conditions, with little rain, some sun and welcome warmth, perfect for the harvest. Bordeaux's white grapes were harvested during the first 20 days of September, with the Sauvignons going first and the Sémillon's a week later.

Vineyards

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.

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.

Harvest

Manual picking only, by baskets of about 6 kg each to keep the high aromatic quality level of the berries

Vinification/

Following the manual harvest, the perfectly ripe grapes are transferred to barrels (80%) in which Chateau

Maturation

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.

Tasting Notes G of Château Guiraud is a dry white wine of Bordeaux Appellation. Its wine reveals a rich expression and a confident personality. It is made from ripe grapes. Its high level of Sauvignon Blanc firms the style of the property. The G represents the front door into the Château Guiraud brand.

Floral, honeycomb and lanolin on the nose and just a little sweet and light on the finish. Fresh and fine on the nose with delicate wildflowers and citrus. Zesty on the palate with fresh lemon, a lovely richness, and a long finish.

Serve with 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.

Production 180 000 bottles per year

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Reviews *"The G de Guiraud 2021 is characteristic of its vintage. Fresh and fine on the nose, a white wine with a lovely aroma, an intense attack with good density. Nice citrus notes and a Sauvignon finish. The nuances are revealed in the length: grapefruit zest, yellow peach flesh and small fruit tree flowers. A real vintage for pleasure and to share"*

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