

## Château Grand-Portail

### La Croix Blanche



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	69% Merlot 17% Cabernet Sauvignon 14% Petit Verdot
<b>TERROIR</b>	Limestone-clay, alluvial deposits
<b>INFO</b>	50 Ha (120.5 Acres) total vineyard & 6.5 Ha (16.06 Acres) single plot devoted to La Croix Blanche  Vinification and aging in stainless steel tanks and 10% oak barrels  Fined/Filtered  <b>Sustainable Agriculture Practices</b>

#### About the Estate:

Château GRAND-PORTAIL- family estate for generations now run by the young son, Olivier CAILLEUX - is located in Escoussans within the Entre-deux-Mers area but more precisely, in the heart of the small, distinctive and expressive Haut-Benauges appellation. Known to produce excellent dry white wines, this unique niche terroir also produces rare-to-find and remarkable red wines when the vines are planted on the best exposed and higher slopes, reaching here more than 100 meters, with a non-obscured view over the other side of the Garonne River, where lies the appellation of Graves.

Château GRAND-PORTAIL "La Croix Blanche" Bordeaux, is made from a specific and single plot, surrounding an old Christian cross, stopover on the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage, also being the highest point of the estate in Escoussans. The vines do benefit there a South, South-West and East exposure on a limestone-clay soil, rich in alluvial deposits. It provides a perfect ripeness for Merlot, predominant in this specific Cuvee.

#### Tasting Notes:

Very serious work on that precise Vintage, low in yields and needing a very serious sorting, including 14% Petit Verdot! Ripe, tender and appealing nose of juicy red fruits underlined by touches of crushed berries and vanilla notes. The palate does match to this juicy fresh and mellow sensation, with strawberries dominance when tasted. A pure pleasure, an everyday, attractive "easy drinking" nicely balanced Bordeaux at an incredible value!

#### Press Review:

Soon to come.