

Château Grand-Portail

La Croix Blanche



VINTAGE	2019
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Bordeaux
VARIETAL	80% Merlot 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	14%
TERROIR	Limestone-clay, alluvial deposits
INFO	50 Ha (120.5 Acres) total vineyard. 6.5 Ha (16.06 Acres) in Escoussans, devoted to La Croix Blanche from 3 plots Merlot Harvested Oct. 9th & - Cabernet Sauvignon Oct.10th 2019 - Vinification and aging in stainless steel tanks & 10% French oak barrels Unfined / Filtered

Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HVE 3 farm certified having High Environmental Value.

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-Benauge 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 Compostelle 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.

Château GRAND-PORTAIL "La Croix Blanche" is a pure pleasure, an everyday, attractive "easy drinking" nicely balanced Bordeaux at an incredible value, and so approachable whatever is the vintage. This top value is BTG @ Balthazar NYC.

45% Merlot from "La Croix Blanche" plot, 35% Merlot from "Balaurin" plot, and 20% Cabernet-Sauvignon from a clayey east exposure slope & plateau in Soullignac. Olivier Cailleux does compare 2019 to 2001, 2006 and 2014, a very pleasant vintage; all what we like from "La Croix Blanche".

Tasting Notes:

Fresh, ripe and so fruity nose on cassis, plum, and warm fruitcake. Light tobacco and vanilla hints. As appealing and attractive as the nose; round, sappy and fruity palate and pretty good length... Yes, pleasant & Best Buy from A to Z!

Food Pairing: Pizza, Tomato soup, charcuteries...

Press Review:

"A small proportion of oak aging enhances the soft richness of this rounded wine. Juicy black-currant fruits highlight this wine that is ready to drink" Roger Voss **90 Pts - Best Buy** Wine Enthusiast

2018 Vint.: "Breezy & light-bodied, featuring cherry & damson plum fruit, lined with twinges of cedar & savory". *J. Molesworth* - Wine Spectator.