

BORDEAUX BLANC SÉLECTION PRESTIGE 2023

Generations of local knowledge have taught our grape growers the secrets of each appellation. They know where to source the best grapes to create the most outstanding wines.



VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Bordeaux, France
Saga R Bordeaux Blanc Sélection Prestige comes from the Entre-deux-Mers region.

Terroir : Entre-deux-Mers vineyard rests on the hillsides located between the two rivers South East of Bordeaux: the Dordogne and the Garonne. To get our Bordeaux Blanc so incredibly crisp and aromatic we harvest the grapes before sunrise. This keeps them cold and preserves their delicate aromas, producing wine that's bursting with flavour from the moment it's opened.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

2023 will be remembered by Bordeaux winemakers as a challenging vintage, saved by an exceptional Indian summer. The cold winter and abundant rainfall in the early part of the year are typical of the Bordeaux oceanic climate. Between April and June, a warm and humid weather pattern sets in, resulting in unprecedented mildew pressure. It is during flowering, in June, that the pressure is the strongest with an alternation of rain and heat causing significant crop losses (75% of Entre Deux Mers is affected) and requiring meticulous monitoring in spared vineyards. After a cooler than normal August, a heatwave between August 18th and 24th changes the face of the vintage: summer settles in September with very hot and dry weather, allowing excellent ripening of the white grape varieties which are harvested from August 23 onwards.

WINE MAKING SCHEME

After pressing of the grapes, a cold maceration (4°C) takes place during a few days (3 to 4 days) in order to extract more aromas through skin contact. The juice is then fermented à low temperature (16°C) in stainless steel vat. No malolactic fermentation to keep the freshness and the acidity of the wine. The wine is aged on lees in vats a few weeks in order to get more volume and richness in mouth.

TASTING NOTES

Pale straw color. The nose is highly aromatic, dominated by notes of exotic fruit (passion fruit, pineapple) and citrus. On the palate, the wine shows good volume, perfectly balanced by its freshness.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Sauvignon blanc 85%, Sémillon 15%
Yield : 45 hL/ha
Alcohol content : 11.5 % vol.
pH : 3.45
Total acidity : 3.8 g/l