

PAVILLON DU LAC

BORDEAUX BLANC 2024

For generations, the Lafite Rothschild family has been looking at the best ways to capture the singularity of a specific terroir. With its mosaic of terroirs and its most renowned grape varieties, the picturesque hillsides of Bordeaux offer an extraordinary place for wine creation. Observing how nature creates and transforms, has always provided a source of inspiration to fuel the innovative spirit of the family. Today, they take that art to a new level by launching a collection of fine wines in which experience and humility are combined to achieve the perfect balance. Pavillon du Lac is a faithful reflection of the best Bordeaux appellations in the best vintages, with the same elegance and precision in taste that is the signature of DBR Lafite.

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Bordeaux, France

Pavillon du Lac Bordeaux blanc comes from old plots of Sauvignon located in the Entre-Deux-Mers. This wine shows all the qualities of the great vintages of Bordeaux.

Terroir : The limestone soils overlooking the banks of the Garonne are particularly suited to growing Sauvignon Blanc. They allow the roots of the vine to draw water but do not retain this water over time, which creates balanced conditions of water stress for the vine. This gives fine wines of great subtlety.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2024 vintage was marked by particularly complex weather conditions. Periods of heavy spring rains led to significant sanitary pressure, followed in the summer by episodes of heatwaves and drought. Fortunately, the cool nights of August helped preserve the acidity and aromas of the white grapes, especially benefiting Sauvignon. This vintage required constant vigilance and precise work from our teams. In the end, 2024 stands out as an excellent white wine vintage, offering wines with beautiful aromatic intensity, great freshness, and moderate alcohol levels.

■ 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 from the skin contact. The juice is then fermented at 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 on the palate.

■ TASTING NOTES

Pale straw colour.

The nose is highly aromatic, dominated by notes of citrus : lime and grapefruit, enhanced by an exotic touch of passion fruit.

The wine is fresh and aromatic on the palate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Sauvignon blanc 95%, Sémillon 5%

Alcohol content : 11.5 % vol.

pH : 3,3

Total acidity : 3,22 g/l

