

Domain

Ch. Cheval Blanc

This prominent domain originated in the 18th century. In the 19th century this domain became the property of the Fourcaud-Laussac family who held it until 1998. In 1998 it was sold to Mr. Bernard Arnault and Baron Albert Frère. The exceptional terroir and the composition of (many) Cabernet Franc and Merlot give these wines an absolutely unique taste. This domain has received a higher number of "exceptional vintage" listings than any classified domain in the last century. Another exceptional point of these wines is the fact that if this wine has reached its best evolution, it will remain that way for a long time.

Vinification

Thanks to exceptionally good autumn weather, it was possible to spread the harvest over 23 days, from 19th September to 10th October, and pick each plot at peak ripeness. The latest Merlot plots were harvested eight days after picking started on the Cabernet Franc.

Taste

The colour of the 2014 Petit Cheval is highly concentrated, with an even deeper centre. The initial bouquet is intensely minty, featuring blackcurrant and violet aromas, leading into floral and powdered almond notes, with hint of lilac. Barrel-ageing has contributed to hints of cocoa. The overall impression is of subtle sweetness. The flavour starts out soft and concentrated, leading into a lovely, fruity freshness. The mid-palate is velvety and delicate. The long aftertaste is very elegant.

Food pairing

Partridge | Game | Mushroom - wild

General information

Type: Red wine

Grape varieties: Merlot (52%), Cabernet Franc (48%)

Viticulture: Traditional

Storage (years): > 10

Serving temperature: 15-18° C

