



CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT

First Harvest in 1252

Château Pape Clément is one of the oldest properties in Bordeaux. The vineyard was first planted in the 13th century by Bertrand de Goth, the youngest son of a noble family from Bordeaux. He was the Archbishop of Bordeaux and became Pope in 1305, then took the name of Clément V. The vineyard was run by the Bordeaux Archbishopry until the French Revolution. The estate can take pride in the production of wine in the same vineyards for over 7 centuries.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Appellation: Pessac-Léognan

Location : Pessac

Area under vines : 7.6 ha

Grape varieties planted :

68% Sauvignon Blanc 25% Sémillon,
5% Sauvignon Gris, 2% Muscadelle

Age of the vines : 27 years

Planting density :

7,700 vines per hectare on average

Soil : Clay gravels dating back to the end of the Pliocene epoch and the Quaternary period.

Vineyard management :

- Parcel based management
- Natural grass growing, oxen and horse-drawn ploughing between vine rows
- Integrated pest management
- Debudding, removal of side shoots, green harvesting
- Manual harvest in 2 passes
- Terra Vitis Label and HVE3 Label (high environmental value 3th level)

Winemaking :

- Manual filling into the pneumatic press
- Pressing of the whole berries with slow pressure without crumbling, under inert atmosphere to protect the aromas
- Run off of the juice into oak barrels by gravity flow
- Settling and fermentation in French oak barrels
- Aging on the lees, stirring of the lees
- 15% of the wine is aged in a state-of-the-art egg-shaped concrete tank
- Aging for 14 months in oak barrels

Average yields : 45 hl per hectare

Harvest dates :

August 30th to September 14th

Bottling : End of 2018

Consulting Enologist : Michel Rolland



2017 BLEND

55% Sauvignon Blanc,
45% Sémillon

