



CHÂTEAU CHERCHY-DESQUEROUX

GRAVES BLANC 2012



Located on the left bank of the Garonne River, the Graves sub-region of Bordeaux is one of the few areas named after its Terroir. The gravel is formed as the result of millions of years of geological activity by glaciers and rivers. The Garonne has brought over the centuries vast quantities of gravel and mineral-rich slits down from the Pyrénées.

Graves has been known for its quality since the 14th century and is arguably Bordeaux's birthplace along with Saint-Émilion. Here you can find under the same appellation wonderful whites from Sauvignon, Sémillon and Muscadelle as well as deep reds from mostly Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Château Cherchy-Desqueroux is one of the oldest wine estates in the village of Pujols sur Ciron, also famous for its Sauternes production. Former vineyard of M. De Cherchy, member of the parlement of Bordeaux in 1750, it has been owned for 6 generations by the Desqueroux family. Vincent (pictured above) still works with his mother Françoise and father Francis; together they preserve the soul of the family heritage.

SOIL TYPE

Top soil of Gravel and red sand. Subsoil of clay and limestone with fossils. Single parcel of 3 acres of 80 years old vines.

VARIETAL

85% Muscadelle – 10 % Sauvignon Blanc – 5% Semillon

CULTURE

Sustainable farming with no use of pesticide or phytosanitary product. Natural grass cover between the rows. Working of the soil under the row. Manual harvesting with sorting.

VINIFICATION/AGEING

Each grape-variety is harvested by hand and vinified separately. Cold maceration before fermentation to enhance the fruity flavors. Fermentation happens in thermoregulated stainless steel vats. Ageing 8 month in stainless steel vats for the Muscadelle and in old French oak barrels for the other grapes.

TASTING NOTES

Only 500 cases produced of this wine. Notes of slightly musky orange accompanied by a range of floral notes. A nice roundness and surprising aromatic richness. Nice creamy texture and refreshing finish.

From the same Winery :

Château Cherchy-Desqueroux, Graves red 2012
Château Saint-Vincent, Sauternes 2010 (375 ml / 750 ml)

