



CHÂTEAU TOUR DES GRAVES CÔTES DE BOURG WHITE 2021



David Arnaud, 5th generation of the Arnaud family, took over the estate in 2009. On the right bank, just few miles, as the crow flies, away from Margaux the other side of the Gironde estuary, the estate is located in the Côtes de Bourg (Hillsides of Bourg) named of the eponymous city.

The historical citadel of Bourg has protected the city of Bordeaux for centuries making this vineyard the most ancient in the region with record dating back to the 2nd century AD.

The Terroir here is an interesting mix between the best of the right bank with chalk and clay as well as the characteristic soil of the left bank with gravel. White Côtes de Bourg represents only 70 acres with Sauvignon Blanc representing more than 40% of the grapes planted. Sauvignon Gris, this mutation of Sauvignon Blanc known to be originated of the Loire, represents only 5% of the white grape planted.

This vineyard, even though part of Bordeaux, has been able to keep its small farmer roots with only 250 family own wineries averaging 25 acres or less. Nicknamed the "Little Switzerland" for its hilly picturesque topography. The hills and the proximity of both the estuary and the Dordogne River are the defining feature of this compact appellation.

SOIL TYPE _____

Parcel located in the village of Teuillac with a nice South exposure

Terroir of Clay and gravel

VARIETAL _____

60% Sauvignon Gris, 20% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Sémillon

25 years-old vines

CULTURE _____

Certified organic with Ecocert from the vintage 2021.

Organic farming with no herbicide, no pesticides or phytosanitary products.

Traditionnal ploughing of the soil. Natural grass cover between the row.

VINIFICATION/AGEING _____

Hand harvesting in small cases. Cold skin contact maceration of 48 hours. Slow pressing in pneumatic press. 8 months ageing on fine lees in new 225 litter French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES _____

Displaying all the aromatic potential of Sauvignon Gris with characteristic rose petal and vineyard peach. The Semillon brings its finesse and fresh zippy flavor to the mix. The subtle ageing in oak brings some nice toasted almonds and the lees ageing provide an ample mouth feel. The finish is dense yet refreshing.

From the same Winery :

Château La Tour des Graves, Côtes de Bourg Red 2020

