



Château de Rochemorin Red 2018

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

Château de Rochemorin belonged to the great philosopher and writer Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, in the 18th century. Among other famous works, he was the author of the "Persian Letters". Montesquieu was a fine ambassador for the red wines of Rochemorin among his friends, acquaintances and the notables he met during his trips throughout Europe, never forgetting to praise the beautiful complexity and mineral characteristics of his wine, so typical of the Graves terroir. Its beautiful aromatic expression, accompanied by a well-balanced and elegant palate make this one of the most reliable wines in the appellation, while remaining very affordable.

THE VINTAGE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

2018 was one of the hottest years since 1900, with higher-than-normal temperatures, the 2nd hottest summer on record in 2018, and plenty of sunshine... Abundant rainfall was followed, from June onwards, by persistent drought, approaching record levels in September.

HARVEST

09/15/2018

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Merlot 50%, Cabernet sauvignon 50%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13 % vol.

TASTING

Beautiful, deep ruby-red colour.

Richness and complexity are the watchwords here! The initial impression on the nose is of mocha, vanilla, and liquorice aromas due to barrel ageing. Swirling in the glass reveals a delicious combination of perfectly ripe black and red fruit notes (blackcurrant, Morello cherry).

Starts out very smooth on the palate. The sweetness of this wine serves as a testimony to high-quality, perfectly ripe grapes. Its richness mid-palate contributes superb volume, underpinned by fine, well-integrated tannins on the finish. Great length. This 2018 Rochemorin has excellent ageing potential.

FOOD PAIRINGS

It is the perfect partner for steak in a Bordeaux wine sauce, duck confit or pigeon with spring onions.

SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 17°C

AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years





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THE VINEYARD

TERROIR

Deep gravel

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

138.37 ac

AGE OF VINES

20 years years old

IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot with debudding

Grape Harvest: By hand or mechanical with an automatic

sorting system at reception

THE CELLAR

WINEMAKING

In stainless-steel temperature controlled tanks with patented cap-breaking system.

AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (30-40% new) with racking each trimester.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Izak Litwar, GreatBordeauxWines.com, 31/03/2019

91-92/100

Decanter

Jane Anson, Decanter, 31/03/2019

91/100

90/100

"Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Aromatic nose reminiscent of stewed elderberries and blackcurrants, discreet spiciness and hints of vanilla. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins, sweet fruit and mild spices, very pleasant on the palate."

Markus Del Monego, 07/04/2019

