

CHATEAU DE CRUZEAU



Château de Cruzeau White 2020

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

Whole-grape pressing, fermentation and barrel ageing with bâtonnage (stirring of the lees) are some of the rigorous winemaking methods used to make Château de Cruzeau white wines, in order to obtain the finest expression of its terroir. A rich, complex nose, with lovely notes of white fruit and citrus, freshness and roundness on the palate: characteristics that contribute to the charm and elegance of these white wines.

THE VINTAGE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

2020 was marked by very mild temperatures and contrasting precipitation: heavy spring rainfall was followed by an intense summer drought. The fairly mild winter led to early bud break. The summer heat gave way to cool nights in late August, ideal for ripening grapes.

HARVEST

08/19/2020

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Sauvignon blanc 100%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13 % vol.

TASTING

Clear, brilliant colour, with a nice pale yellow hue and some silver highlights. The nose is expressive, fresh, very aromatic, marked by notes of white fruit (peach, nectarine, pear); all slightly lemony and associated with a very discreet woodiness. The attack is supple. On the palate, it is a wine with a nice structure, a good balance, freshness and fatness. Notes of white fruit, but also of citrus (lemon) dominate the palate. The oak is well integrated. Good length. This Château de Cruzeau 2020 is an elegant wine.

FOOD PAIRINGS

It will be a pleasure to drink as an aperitif, with a ballotine of salmon, a blanquette of veal or a Comté cheese.

SERVING

Serve between 9°C and 12°C

AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years



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THE VINEYARD

TERROIR

Ridges with deep gravel with zones of clay-limestone

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

66.71 ac

AGE OF VINES

18 years years old

IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot

Grape Harvest: By hand

THE CELLAR

WINEMAKING

on sediments in oak barrels.

AGEING

For 10 months in oak barrels (35% new) on full lees with bâtonnage.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS



"The 2020 Château de Cruzeau Blanc has a perfumed nose of yellow plum, nectarine and honeysuckle scents and hints of Swiss roll, all quite irresistible. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity; crisp red apple and orange zest intermingle with pithy pear notes toward the finish. This is a delicious Pessac-Léognan in the making."

Vinous, 05/04/2021

90-92/100



"Sweaty notes with white flowers and grapefruit on the nose. Nice refreshing acidity and a clean textural note. Quite detailed and a very clean, pure lime-drenched finish, rather good!"

Alistair Cooper, Jancis Robinson, 02/05/2021

16,5/20

"Bright yellow colour with green hue. Elegant nose with fragrant fruit, starfruit, apricots and cloudberry, peonies and hints of Buxus in the background, subtle oak. On the palate well balanced with juicy fruit, aromatic herbs, hints of Buxus, subtle oak with a whiff of vanilla. Well structured with convincing length."

Markus Del Monego, 06/05/2021

92/100



"This has long been one of my 'insider picks' for the whites of Bordeaux and it is successful again this year, although a little more concentrated than in some years, with bitter almond hints on the finish. Majors on sculpted fruits and gentle citrus flavours. Drinking Window 2021 - 2028."

Jane Anson Inside Bordeaux, 01/05/2021

92/100



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