



Château de Rochemorin Red 2017

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

The 2017 vintage was one of the earliest on record. The growing season was marked by a dry winter and spring (46% less rainfall than usual), accompanied by temperatures 2°C above average (except for the frost in April). This dry summer weather was ideal for ripening the seeds until late August.

HARVEST

09/12/2017

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Merlot 50%, Cabernet sauvignon 50%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 % vol.

TASTING

2017 Château Rochemorin is a beautiful crimson colour, scattered with purple highlights. The nose is elegant, powerful and long-lasting, revealing delicious black fruit notes (blackcurrant, black cherry, plum, etc.) and slightly roasted nuances, underpinned by a touch of gingerbread. Starts out smooth and attractive on the palate. An incredibly rich wine with fine tannins and good aromatic complexity, accompanied by predominant black fruit notes (Morello cherry, plum, etc.). Well-structured and velvety on the finish. This wine goes beautifully with sirloin steak, roasted guinea fowl or pork tenderloin with mushrooms.

FOOD PAIRINGS

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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

"Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Elegant and persistent nose with fine fragrance reminiscent of blackberries, sweet elder berries, blackcurrants and roasting aroma. On the palate elegant, rather medium bodied but with a good length."

Markus Del Monego, 01/04/2018

WINEDOCTOR

"A nose filled with dark, smoky and brooding fruit, with a lightly roasted edge here. The palate is rich, filled with roasted black plum spice, black cherry and damson, with a dark and reticent concentration that mirrors the nose, one underpinned by a very ripe and broad seam of tannins. An impressive wine overall, punchy and imposing, with a wealth of fruit and ripe extracted tannins. Lots of velvet grip in the finish here. An attractive wine from this lesser known estate, one that comes in a very modern style."

Chris Kissack, Wine Doctor, 01/04/2018

VV Wine

"Very open on the nose with lots of Christmas cookie notes paired with dark fruit, gingerbread, cherry and plum. Wonderfully complex. Soft attack, going on to show blackberry and red berry notes, with medium body, fine-grained tannins and a medium-long finish. Has good potential, but needs to age somewhat."

Adrian Van Velsen, vvWine, 01/04/2018

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"This has a ripe dark-fruit nose with cedary oak supporting rich aromas of cassis and blackberries. The supple palate delivers a long, fleshy and fresh array of rich, ripe-fruit flesh.

Drink or hold."

James Suckling, 10/01/2020

92/100

91-93/100

