

# CHÂTEAU LA LOUVIÈRE



## Château La Louvière White 2019

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

### PRESENTATION

Château La Louvière has long been famous for its white wines. In fact, these already highly-prized by Canadian merchants in the 17th century ! A century later, they were to be found on the finest tables in Saint Petersburg. The very elegant white La Louvière is now among the finest dry white wines in the Graves, and is a fine ambassador for the Pessac-Léognan appellation. Marked by the Sauvignon Blanc varietal character, but not overly so, it can age remarkably well.

### THE VINTAGE

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

2019 was marked by a fairly mild winter, resulting in early bud break. Spring rainfall was scarce and drought conditions set in in early summer. Rainfall in August provided a welcome relief for winegrowers.

#### HARVEST

09/02/2019

### THE WINE

#### VARIETALS

Sauvignon 100%

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

14 % vol.

#### TASTING

Crystal clear, a slightly golden pale yellow colour.

Good intensity on the nose with aromas of ripe white fruit (peach), citrus fruit and exotic fruit (passion fruit); all complemented by a light hint of smoke.

Rich and complex on the palate, with hints of lemon, gooseberry and grapefruit, combined with perfectly integrated oak. Good finish.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Seafood stew, flambéed crayfish, cheese (such as Brillat Savarin, for example)

#### SERVING

Serve between 8°C and 11°C.

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years



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### THE VINEYARD

#### TERROIR

Deep gravel with fine limestone over small areas at the foot of the slopes

#### SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

37.06 ac

#### AGE OF VINES

26 years old

#### IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot.

Grape Harvest: By hand in several passes.

### THE CELLAR

#### WINEMAKING

After settling, in oak barrels.

#### AGEING

For 10 months in oak barrels (30% new) on full lees with bâtonnage.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

"Le nez offre des arômes purs d'agrumes, des arômes légers d'herbes, et des notes de silex provenant des notes réductrices du Sauvignon Blanc. L'acidité croquante et la forte minéralité offrent une ligne de corps mince et élancée. Dans la finale persistante, on retrouve également des picotements de poivre de Sichuan, offrant l'image d'une princesse glamour aux muscles de glace et aux os de jade."

Alexandre Ma, 10/12/2021

93/100

"The nose offers pure citrus aromas, light herbal aromas, and hints of flint from the Sauvignon Blanc's reductive notes. The crisp acidity and strong minerality deliver a slender and slim body line. Among the lingering finish, there are also some tingling Sichuan peppers, providing an image of a glamorous princess with ice muscles and jade bones."

Alexandre Ma, 10/12/2021

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"The 2019 La Louvière Blanc has a very primal bouquet, but there is good intensity with scents of green apple, lemon, thyme and subtle lychee aromas. Good definition. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity and salinity. It is nicely focused with faint tropical notes towards the finish. I admire the cohesion and precision of this La Louvière Blanc, particularly the dab of stem ginger that crops up on the aftertaste. Excellent."

Neal Martin, Vinous, 30/05/2020

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"Bright yellow colour with green hue. Elegant nose with ripe fruit aroma reminiscent of juicy peaches, ripe pineapple, grapefruit zest, fresh lime in the background as well as white blossoms. On the palate well balanced with ripe citrus fruit and peaches, crisp acidity, elegant and almost salty minerality, very good length."

Markus Del Monego, 01/06/2020

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"Aromas of sliced apple, fennel, papaya, flint and lemon curd. It's medium-to full-bodied with a zesty, rich and layered palate. Hints of spice on the vibrant finish. 100% sauvignon blanc. Drink now."

James Suckling, 02/01/2022

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