CHÂTEAU LA LOUVIÈRE



Château I a I ouvière White 2018

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

2018 was one of the warmest years since 1900, featuring above-average temperatures, the second hottest summer to date, and abundant sunshine... Heavy rainfall in the first half of the year was followed by persistent, near-record drought conditions in September.

HARVEST

08/27/2018

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Sauvignon blanc 100%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

 $14\,\%$ vol.

TASTING

Brilliant, pale-yellow colour.

Understated at first, the nose gradually opens up with aeration, revealing pleasant floral and citrus notes, enhanced by delicate and particularly well-integrated oaky aromas.

Incredibly voluminous and rich on the palate, with a lovely long aftertaste, underpinned by vanilla overtones. This wine is the perfect accompaniment to a meal from the starter to the cheese platter.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Asparagus in gribiche sauce, turbot with morel mushrooms, hard cheeses (Cantal, Beaufort, etc.)

SERVING

Serve between 8°C and 11°C.

AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years



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91/100

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



"100% Sauvignon Blanc. Ripe, creamy citrus, very inviting with just a hint of vanilla sweetness. Quite a hit of mealy, creamy oak flavour on the palate yet with cool fresh citrus fruit at the core. Well balanced and fresh for the vintage."

Julia Harding, Jancis Robinson, 13/10/2020



"The 2018 La Louvière Blanc is laced with hints of peach, apricot, slate, baked apple and a hint of toastiness that develops on the finish. Delicate and yet beautifully persistent, the 2018 Blanc has a lot to offer."

Vinous, 03/05/2019

"Bright yellow colour with green hue. Rather hints of Buxus and mint, grapefruit zest and ripe yellow stone fruit. On the palate well structured with excellent freshness, crisp acidity, juicy citrus fruit, grapefruit peel, discreet spiciness and very good length."

Markus Del Monego, 07/04/2019

"Barrel Sample. Pure notes of crisp, lemon and herbs give this wine freshness, intensity and layers of acidity and minerality. The wine will age relatively quickly."

Roger Voss, The Wine Enthusiast, 23/04/2019

