

# CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX

## Grand Cru Classé de Graves

### Pessac - Léognan

## WHITE 2020



### 2020, Mildness & Precocity

#### Climate data

A particularly mild rainy Autumn–Winter 2019/2020 resulted in early budding. Around March 20<sup>th</sup>, while France was in lockdown, the vine was budding about 10 days early. This advance continued throughout the vegetative cycle thanks to generally favourable weather conditions. Flowering went well and homogeneous followed by a fast regular fruit set without *coulure* or *millerandage*. The same can be said for the *veraison*: precocious and homogeneous around July 20<sup>th</sup> for the first grapes. Practically no rain in fact between June 17<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> but once again our vines grown in regularly tilled soil showed a remarkable resistance to stress. Maturity inspections shook up the holidays and promised a start to the harvest on August 19<sup>th</sup> still ten days or so early. The harvest was carried out without any major difficulty in spite of the constraints due to strict sanitary measures and everywhere the grapes were healthy and maturity was evenly spread over time.

#### Wine-Tasting

A pale yellow colour, very pure with slightly green tints.

The nose is young, revealing freshness and the whole personality of the white Sauvignon in its savoury aromas of intense citrus fruit.

The attack, lively and chiseled, is followed by a fine volume on the palate coming from the already present roundness of the Semillon. The freshness and intensity of a precocious vintage is surprising in this 2020 white. The woodiness is mellowed leaving pride of place to the aromas of juicy white fruit (pear, peach...). The end is divine.

#### Innovations

- Extension of areas organically cultivated (15ha)
- Generalized tillage for more substantial and sustainable rooting.
- Continuation of the tree replanting program on the property (60 new trees)
- Micro-vintage experimentation: management of vine topping vs vine rolling.
- Increase in plot precision with a greater number of vinification lots.

## Appellation

Pessac-Léognan

## Vineyard size for the white

45 ha (112 Acres)

## Terroir - Soil

Clay-gravel and clay limestone

## Average age of the white vineyard

28 years

## Vineyard Management

HVE3 certified (High Environmental Value at level 3)

Environmental friendly farming for sustainable agriculture or organic.

Member of the ISO 14001 certified Bordeaux EMS Association.

« Cot » or « Guyot-poussart » pruning.

Hand disbudding and de-leafing.

Average planting density: 7200 vines/ ha.

Plot management in the vineyard and the cellar until the ageing completion.

## Harvest

Hand picking only.

Berry selection while picking and on sorting table.

Sauvignon blanc from August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Semillon from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## Winemaking - Ageing

Slow and gentle pneumatic pressing under inert gas - whole or destemmed bunches - Cold clarification.

Fermenting and ageing in oak barrels (225 or 400L) and oak vats (30 or 50hL).

25% new oak - 10 months with lees stirring.

## Blending - Alcohol content

65% Sauvignon, 35% Semillon - 13% Vol.

## pH - Total acidity

pH 3.14 - 3.89 g/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sup>4</sup>

## Production - Yield

130 000 bottles - 42hl/ha.

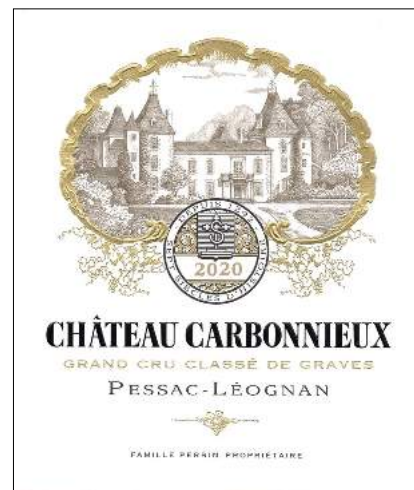
Bottled from November 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Sold *En Primeurs* through Bordeaux Negociants.

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