

Château Sirio



Specification Sheet

Château Sirio Graves Dry White 2019

2019 Vintage: A dry, hot summer with some rainstorms in early August. The contrast between hot days and cool nights in August provided excellent ripening conditions for the grapes. For once, we decided to harvest the Sémillon before the Sauvignon in order to preserve the quality of the juice.

Tasting: Pale gold colour. Lively nose with notes of lemon and grapefruit. On the palate our 2019 has all the qualities of a very fine vintage: freshness, maturity, concentration, roundness and acidity.

Appellation: Graves

Soil: Gravel soil with pebbles and sand on the surface, calcareous subsoil

Grape varieties: 70% Sauvignon, 30% Sémillon

Density of plantation: 6200 plants per hectare

Average age of the vines: 35 years

Pruning: Guyot Double

Vineyard management: A sustainable approach to winemaking. The soil is nourished with organic fertilisers and vegetal-based composts. Grassing on every second row. Training, disbudding and leaf plucking are meticulously performed by hand. No chemical weedkillers are used on the estate.

Harvest: mechanical

Vinification: fermentation in thermo-regulated steel vats with lees regularly stirred

Ageing: the Sauvignon in thermo-regulated steel vats; the Sémillon for 7 months in new barrels of French oak.

Closure: DIAM technological cork

Alcohol content: 13°

Ageing Potential: drink now or until 2026

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Awards & Press:



“With 5,000 bottles produced, this white wine dominated by the Sauvignon (80% of the blending) is a delicate gem, with an acacia flower nose and citrus fruit palate. The wine offers a good balance between the intensity of the Sauvignon and the roundness of the Sémillon aged in barrels, for a fresh finale.” [Terre de Vins](#) November-December 2020.

“An attractive lemony nose with fine hints of oak opens after airing to quite delicious ones of peach and pear. The Sauvignon grape shows on the palate with its strong citrus flavours. Well balanced between acidity and richness.” [La Tulipe Rouge](#) November 2021. La Tulipe Rouge is a new bilingual guide to the best French wines retailing at less than 20€ per bottle.

“A combination of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Sémillon from vines averaging 35 years of age, each variety is fermented separately in stainless steel vats. The Sauvignon then remains in stainless steel vats while the Sémillon ages seven months in new French oak barrels. The result is a savory, nuanced wine that shows only a hint of oak smokiness. Pineapple, pomelo and ginger give the wine girth yet also zest. The creamy mouthfeel glide benefits from contrasting, zippy acidity. Easy to drink now, this will pair with a wide variety of foods.” 89.

American Master of Wine, journalist and blogger Christy Canterbury, tasted June 2021.