

Château Suduiraut Vieilles Vignes Grand Vin Blanc Sec 2020

Château Suduiraut Vieilles Vignes Grand Vin Blanc Sec is made from our prestigious Premier Cru Classé terroir of Sauternes.

This wine is produced from a specific selection of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc plots, with vines on average 45 years old, specifically identified to reveal the elegance and concentration of these two grape varieties.

It perfectly reflects the strength of our terroir.

BLEND

Sémillon 58%, Sauvignon blanc 42%

AGEING

90% from barrels of one vintage,

10% in new barrels, for 9 months.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The autumn and winter of 2019-2020 were very wet. Total rainfall reached 519 mm in March, more than half the annual average. It was accompanied by mild temperatures, leading to bud break more than two weeks earlier than usual. This advance persisted, even with significantly cooler weather at the end of the month and a frosty day on 27th March.

The rest of the season remained fairly mild and rainy, requiring increased vigilance against mildew.

Flowering, although early, took place in unsettled weather, causing coulure. The impact was very irregular, varying according to the terroir, how early the plot developed, and the age of the vines.

Fine weather returned in July, with conditions becoming very dry, and above all very hot. The water reserves enabled the vines to withstand the successive heat waves, and a little rain in mid-August brought the ripening of the grapes back on track.

The ripening process drew to a close about ten days ahead of schedule under very favourable weather conditions: hot days and cool nights, which preserved the range of aromas.





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TASTING NOTE

A bright, pale yellow colour, this wine has a complex and distinguished nose. Floral and mineral with aniseed aromas, the nose leads into notes of verbena, lemon and grapefruit with a hint of hazelnut, indicative of barrel ageing. The palate has good tautness, with mineral and citrus notes leading into yellow fruit on aeration. The finish is fresh with notes of citrus, particularly lime.

A great wine that is still a little restrained, with very interesting ageing potential. Decant before enjoying it, within the next 5 years.

Pierre Montégut - Technical Director - September 2022

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