

VIGNOBLE SECRET



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CHATEAU La Chandellière 2018

Appellation : Médoc

Location : Civrac en Médoc

Soil and sub-soil : Clay, chalk

Surface of the vineyard : 31 ha

Density of the plants : 5050 plants /ha

Yield : 50 hl/ha

Grape varieties : Cabernet sauvignon 65%, Merlot noir 30%, Cabernet franc 5%

Average age of the vines : 32 years

Train of the vineyard :

- Environmental friendly prevention, controlled weeding,
- work of the soil under the rows, grass between rows
- Double guyot pruning and cordon pruning
- Thinning out the leaves on both sides
- Cutting of the vine-shoots on the top of the Merlot
- We are committed to an SME process (Environmental Management System) and AREA and HVE3, ISO 14001 certified

Harvest : Mechanic with de-stemming and sorting

Vinification :

- Pre-fermentation and cold maceration (4--6°C)
- Unloading
- Regulated fermentation (22°C)

Vat time : 5 weeks

Ageing process : Wood chips Ageing period: 12 months

Total production : 100 000 bottles

Characteristics : Laying down wine, 10-15 years



Vines have been grown on this estate since the beginning of the 20th century, but became the main cultivation in 1975, right after the SECRET family left the Picardie region to settle down in the Médoc. Three generations have succeeded each other with the same desire to produce wines from the Médoc region. After his arrival, Grandfather Pierre Secret revived a vineyard which had disappeared and vinified high quality wines. His two eldest sons created their own wine-growing enterprises, but it is his youngest son Bruno who takes over the estate in 1990 and works to build this cru's reputation until the 2007 vintage. Grandsons Guillaume and Thibaud joined Hubert and Didier Secret in the GAEC (grouping of joint enterprises) which now produces Château Bournac. They share different responsibilities; Didier and Guillaume work the vines, Hubert vinifies Château La Chandellière (another of their wines) and Thibaud oversees Château Bournac, but all decisions are made together. Recognized for its quality, this family run estate totaling 20 hectares is situated between the ocean and the Garonne River. It benefits from a very favorable climate ideal for wine growing. Total surface of the vineyard is 45 hectares that of Bournac is 14 hectares. The density per hectare is 5050 plants. The more than 35-year-old vines produce a wine full of black fruit, and a good balance between fruit, soft tannins and the subtle, velvety oak. Soil and sub-soil are of clay and chalk.