

HÉRITAGE DE CHASSE-SPLEEN 2022

The history and evolution of a vineyard through inheritances, purchases, regroupings of lands, can lead to the association of several AOC (Protected Designations of Origins, i.e. PDOs) within the same estate. Chasse-Spleen having seen the light of day before the AOC notion even existed, nowadays some of its plots do not belong to the same appellation. Today, we own a dozen hectares under the Haut-Médoc appellation of origins.

L'INAO (French national institute for origins and quality) recognises the notion of organization into a hierarchy for the Médoc AOC. This means that every single wine produced in Haut-Médoc and in communal appellations (Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac, Saint-Julien, Moulis, Margaux), is before all else, a Haut-Médoc wine, while the opposite is not necessarily true. Only the plots that produce exclusively within these demarcated appellations may claim the communal AOC.

Héritage de Chasse-Spleen being so successful, and so as to satisfy trade markets and to meet our selection policy, we are now led to remind everyone that some Moulis plots can lawfully also claim their Haut-Médoc appellation. This way, an average of twenty hectares of Haut-Médoc land produces Héritage de Chasse-Spleen.

At first known as Ermitage de Chasse Spleen, this wine had to be given a new name in 2000 because of homonymy reasons. After a birth under the best auspices while inheriting all the care brought to its magnificent senior, this new name seemed very much appropriate to us.

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant color, deep burgundy red.

First nose: well-balanced with aromas of redcurrant, black cherry and a hint of spice.

Clean attack, mouth with fine tannins, supple volume.

The finish is persistent, with lovely red fruit.



Appellation: Haut-Médoc

Soils: sandy gravel on chalky clay and clay on chalk

Acreage: 20 ha

Plantation density: 8300 vines/ha

Grape variety: Cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet-franc, Petit verdot

Grape-vine age: 5 to 35 years

Vinification: in stainless steel vats and concrete with terminal regulation system

Ageing: 5% new oak, 100% wood

Production: 11000 boxes

GRAPE-HARVESTS DATES 2022

Merlot: from 09/17 to 09/29

Cabernet sauvignon: from 09/24 to 10/06

Cabernet franc: from 09/27 to 09/28

Blending: 54% Merlot, 44% Cabernet sauvignon, 2% Cabernet-franc

WEATHER 2022

A little wet winter with some very cold sessions. The rain finally arrives in January and February. Worries about the frost at the end of March and the beginning of April. Beautiful bloom. Four heat waves strike from June.

Concerned, however, we note a certain stocity of the vineyard that seems to suffer less than us. The harvest in good conditions is early, the light rains were well come. In the cellar, no aroma of over-ripeness, fruit already.