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## Rosé de Chevalier 2019

CSPC# 843936

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

**Appellation**

Pessac-Léognan

**Classification**

Appellation Bordeaux Rosé Controlée

**Website**

<http://www.domainedechevalier.com/en-grand-cru-classe-de-graves>

**General Info**

The Domaine de Chevalier located in Léognan; the Capital town of the Graves Region has a long history. It appears on the famous map of Pierre de Belleyne in 1783.

In 1983 the estate was purchased by the Bernard Family, N° 1 in France on the spirits market and a major negotiant of premium Bordeaux wines.

It has been run ever since by Olivier Bernard who perpetuates that spirit of balance and the constant drive for perfection which have been the hallmark of this out-standing wine.

Domaine de Chevalier has been producing a tiny quantity of "Rosé wine" for around 25 years, using the method called "rosé de saignée": no maceration and the juice is fermented separately.

It is mainly made from cabernet sauvignon by Olivier Bernard and his team. For this lovely rosé wine, he chose a very aesthetic white glass bottle.

A very pretty label gives more elegance and modernity. Packaging is superb.

**Winemaker**

Consultant oenologist: Stéphane DERENONCOURT.

Technical Director: Thomas STONESTREET

**Vintage**

2019 Pessac Leognan wines are the product of a moderate start to the year, with January, February and March all being relatively average months. April was cooler and wetter than usual, which is a good thing for Pessac Leognan, being that the appellation is warmer than the other regions. April's cool climatic conditions slowed the vintage down a bit.

The summer however was warm, sunny, and very dry. Though the nights were often cool, allowing acidities to build. July and August continued the summery conditions. Fortunately, two July rainstorms helped added much needed moisture to the vines.

Most vigneron were busy harvesting Sauvignon Blanc grapes by late August and by mid-September were picking Semillon and young Merlot vines. September was mostly warm, sunny and dry until the last part of the month, which delivered water to the soils helping with the red wine grapes maturity. By mid-October, most growers had completed picking, under good, easy to harvest in conditions.

**Vineyards**

The entire estate covers a hundred hectares, 45 of which are under vine: 40 of these are devoted to producing red wine and 5 to white wine. The gravelly terroir's tremendous winegrowing potential enables the domaine to take maximum advantage of the two most premium grape varieties in Bordeaux: Cabernet Sauvignon for red wine and Sauvignon Blanc for white wine. The full breakdown is as follows: 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Petit Verdot for the red wines and 70% Sauvignon

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Blanc and 30% Sémillon for the white wines. Each plot of vines, indeed, each individual vine is different, and is therefore treated differently. There are no hard and fast rules... First and foremost, we observe what is going on in the vineyard closely every day. Each plot receives nutrients and treatments in keeping with its specific needs.

**Winemaking**

Olivier Bernard, owner of Domaine de Chevalier in the Pessac-Léognan appellation area, signs this rosé made from bleeding of the tank used for the grand vin. This means that after a few hours of macerating the black varietals, the wine is "bled" from the tank to make this rosé, and by such concentrating the juice left for the red wine. The resulting wine is of good stature, featuring accents of raspberry and citrus zest.

**Tasting Notes**

Fresh pink currant tint, slightly orange. Bright bouquet of tangy and citrus fruits: wild strawberry, cherry, banana, mango, tangerine zest. Luscious, delicious, fresh palate, true to its aromas. Very nice smoothness and good length. A delight.

**Serve with**

Definitely a table rosé perfectly suited for grilled veal chops.

**Cellaring**

Drink 2021-2024

