

Lions de Suduiraut 2021

CSPC# 883825

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

52% *Sémillon*, 48% *Sauvignon Blanc*

Appellation

Sauternes

Classification

Premier Grand Cru Classe - in 1855 – Bordeaux Blanc

Website

<https://www.suduiraut.com/fr/vin/2/lions-de-suduiraut-blanc-sec>

General Info

The estate launched the third wine in 2011, designed to reach younger customers, Lions de Suduiraut, which is produced from almost 100% Semillon and a small touch of Sauvignon Blanc to create the blend. It can be enjoyed upon release. Starting with the 2021 vintage, Chateau Suduiraut reinvigorated its lineup of dry white wines. Today, they produce Chateau Suduiraut Vieilles Vignes, which comes from their oldest vines, Chateau Suduiraut Pur Semillon which is made from 100% Semillon and Lions de Suduiraut Blanc Sec, which is their entry level Bordeaux Blanc.

Gourmet and fresh, our Lions de Suduiraut Blanc Sec offers immediate pleasure. For its production, we have selected a specific terroir of the Château Suduiraut vineyard, planted with Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. This terroir, made up of fine sandy gravel and whose vines are an average of 20 years old, favors the production of fragrant fruits and brings a nice freshness to the wine. Its dazzling aromatic expression invites you to taste it in its youth.

Winemaker

Pierre Montégut, Technical Director

Vintage

The winter was rainy and mild, with the last days of March relatively warm and an early start to the vine cycle. At the beginning of April, a strong and long episode of cold affected the vineyard, especially on April 7 and 8 with negative temperatures. Frost-related damage was very significant: apart from a few saved plots, the damage resulted in 30 to 100% losses depending on our plots. The heavy rains of May and June caused a virulent attack of mildew, with some new losses. July and August were quite dry, but generally cool, and veraison took place on August 10, as in 2019. Late August and early September were more in line with normal and favored good ripening, while maintaining acidity high.

Vineyards

The vineyards are planted to 88% Semillon and 12% Sauvignon Blanc. Semillon, a traditional variety of the region, when infected with noble rot has an ample structure on the palate and gives the wine great mellowness and unctuousness. Wines produced with Semillon grapes are remarkably aromatic, evoking honeyed fragrances, grilled dried fruits, acacia blossom and candied citrus. Sauvignon Blanc has very characteristic aromas such as citrus, white peach and exotic fruits. When vinified as a dessert wine, it adds a touch of acidity to the blend, bringing freshness and aromatic complexity.

Harvest

The harvest for the dry whites took place slowly, over a total of 10 days, between September 6 and 22 to follow a slow and very variable evolution of the plots. We started our harvest on gravelly plots and then continued on clayey or cooler soils. The search for the right maturity prompted us to carry out intra-plot harvesting, in a "surgical" way. The quality is excellent, with aromatic intensity, richness, and freshness on the palate.

Ageing

50% in vats, 50% in barrels including 25% new wood, for 6 months

Tasting Notes

Adorned with a light-yellow color with green highlights, Lions de Suduiraut Blanc Sec 2021 offers a discreet and promising nose. Citrus aromas mingle with notes of white flowers and white fruits for a fresh and fruity nose. The attack is soft and is perpetuated on an unctuous, fresh mouth, with flavors of pear, sweet lemon, and pomelo. The finish is clean, mineral, and fruity, with good length. We find the greedy, dense, and fruity character of this cuvée, with the touch of freshness of the 2021 vintage.

Serve with

Spicy Asian cuisine, raw fish, like sushi or sashimi, and cheese, both hard and soft also make great pairings.

Production

2,666 cases made

Cellaring

Drink now -2025

Scores/Awards

88 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2023

87 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - May 2022

91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022

91 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - April 2022

92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022



Scores/Awards **91 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022

94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022

Reviews

"Friendly and open in feel, with a mix of white peach, apricot, lemon curd and star fruit notes. The finish's spine comes from a subtle chalky edge. Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now through 2024. 2,666 cases made.
- JM, Wine Spectator

"A tangy white with sliced grapefruit, apple, and celery character. Medium body. Fresh finish. White pepper. Dry and chalky."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"A year with a lot of freshness and depth in the whites, meaning a good year to launch this new range of dry whites for Suduiraut. This is just 3hl/h yield. (and just 1hl/h for the sweet wine), but they have managed all the same to deliver a gorgeous wine with clarity of flavour, with power, slate and spice"
- JA, janeanson.com

"A fresh, crisp, lively shot of lemon, grapefruit, flowers, spice, and white peach that is delivered in a creamy, zesty style, making this perfect for early drinking pleasure. Sadly, this is going to be quite difficult to find as the yields were only 3 hectoliters per hectare. Formerly known as Le Blanc Sec de Suduiraut, this is the same wine, but with a new name. Drink from 2023-2030."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2021 Lions de Suduiraut Blanc Sec is gorgeous. Rich, creamy and expressive, the 2021 is exquisite in its balance of textural richness and freshness. Orchard fruit, white flowers, mint, lemon oil and chamomile envelop the palate, while bright floral accents perk up the finish. Lions is the new name for the Blanc Sec, which is the same wine as before."
- AG, Vinous

"This estate makes a bevy of terrific dry whites in addition to an incredible Sauternes. Starting with the 2021 Lions De Suduiraut Blanc Sec, which is a blend of 52% Semillon and 48% Sauvignon Blanc, it offers subtle grapefruit and citrus notes, a kiss of minerality, and a refreshing, vibrant, wonderfully balanced style on the palate. It's a seriously good bottle of wine to drink in its youth."
- Jeb Dunnuck
