

LE MERLE BLANC DE  
CHÂTEAU CLARKE  
2023  
BORDEAUX BLANC



*Château Clarke is one of the rare Médoc estates to produce a white wine. Le Merle Blanc is part of the Château's heritage, because it has existed since the 19th century (1898). Much-appreciated and widely-known, this white wine once accounted for up to a quarter of the Château's entire production. Baron Edmond de Rothschild felt it was important to revive this tradition. Today, Le Merle Blanc fits in beautifully with the spirit of Château Clarke.*

VINEYARD AREA : 4 ha

BLEND : 70% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Sauvignon Gris, 10% Muscadelle, 10% Sémillon

ALCOHOL CONTENT : 12,5%



#### VINEYARD

SOIL TYPE : Clay and limestone

AVERAGE VINEYARD AGE : 30 years

PLANTATION DENSITY : 6 600 vines/ha

VINEYARD PRUNING : Double Guyot

SOIL MANAGEMENT : Natural grass cover

HARVEST : Hand-picking

DATE OF HARVEST : from 09/02/2023 to 09/11/2023

#### WINE

WINEMAKING : direct pressing, cold settling, fermentation and maturing on the lees. Treatment by gravity, in small batches. Winemaking process adapted to each batch. Automatic thermoregulation.

AGEING : 25% in new barrels, 25% in second fill barrels, the rest in stainless steel tanks.

DURATION : 6 months.

PRODUCTION : 24 000 bottles.

#### TASTING COMMENTS



This wine offers an intense initial nose, where exotic fragrances blend with juicy notes of white pear.



Upon aeration, its complexity deepens with the emergence of hints of flint, cold ashes, and white flowers.



On the palate, it reveals itself as ample and flavorful, carried by a beautiful acidic framework that ensures a fresh balance throughout. The tasting culminates in subtle woody notes, adding to the richness and elegance of this wine.



With a relatively short aging potential, it is best enjoyed promptly to savor its youthful freshness.

#### FOOD & WINE

Ideal to accompany fish, seafood, salad and white meat.

**The Sommelier's choice:** This rare white wine from the Médoc can be enhanced by scallops or the Brie de Meaux Fermier Nature AOP from the family farm.

#### RATINGS & MEDALS

91-93 pts THE DRINKS BUSINESS COLIN HAY 2024

94 pts DECANTER PANOS KAKAVIATOS 2024