



CHATEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION WHITE 1999

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée Pessac-Léognan
Grand Vin de Bordeaux

(50% of the white wine production)

VINEYARD

Location:

Léognan

Soil-type:

Deep gravel in a sandy matrix over a layer of clay

Surface area:

72.5 hectares in total, of which 11.5 are in white

Grape varieties:

19% Sémillon, 81% Sauvignon Blanc

Density of plantation:

7,000 plants per hectare

Average age of the vines:

20 years



VITICULTURE AND WINE-MAKING

Vineyard management:

Sémillon: spur-pruning

Sauvignon Blanc: Double Guyot pruning

Ploughing or seeding of a grass cover crop, de-leafing, crop thinning

Harvest:

Manual at perfect ripeness, transfer of bunches in crates

Vinification:

Settling of the juice for 48 hours in small, temperature controlled concrete vats. Vinification in new barrels with stirring of the lees three times a week for 3 months

Ageing:

11 months in new barrels with regular rotating of the barrels on racks to keep the fine lees in suspension.

Fining:

Fining with bentonite before a light filtering for the bottling

Bottling:

At the estate

Annual production:

About 25,000 bottles

Distribution:

95% through merchants in the Bordeaux market, 5% to private customers

TASTING NOTES

Blend: 65% Sauvignon, Blanc 35% Sémillon

Harvesting dates: from 06 to 10 September

A deep, clear, bright golden colour.

The nose reveals slightly rancio notes of hazelnuts and beeswax.

As the wine breathes in the glass, it develops greater complexity with aromas of spices and mild curry appearing.

The attack on the palate is round, dense and full of character.

The finish is long and rich.

A wine of great individual character.