



# LOUDENNE

## LE CHÂTEAU

2016

### BORDEAUX BLANC

In 1880, Loudenne is the first Château of the Medoc region to produce white wine. Since then, Loudenne crafts a dry Bordeaux white, both lively and well-balanced, a blend of Sauvignon and Semillon fermented and aged in oak barrels.

#### **Terroir and vineyard:**

Loudenne le Château white is produced from plots located just on the edge of the Gironde estuary at the bottom of the 2 gravel hills producing the red. Soil: clay-limestone or clay-gravel depending on location of parcels on a limestone sub-soil.

Vineyard: 9 ha (22 acres) – average 28 y.o.

Density: 5 000 plants / hectare.

77% Sauvignon blanc – 23% Sémillon.

#### **2016 weather conditions:**

The winter was warm and rainy and consequently the budburst was earlier than usual. Spring was cooler but also rainy. Afterwards from June 23<sup>rd</sup> until mid-September the summer was hot and dry. Loudenne vines didn't suffer, thanks to the water reserves that the soil built during winter and spring, but the heat slowed down the growth of vegetation. The Sauvignon were harvested at perfect ripeness before the rains of September 13<sup>th</sup> but for the Semillon we had to wait until they regain some balance.

#### **Harvest:**

From September 8<sup>th</sup> until September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Plot selection.

Hand picking in small crates early in the morning to benefit from the coolness of the night.

Sorting table on reception.

The whole bunches are pressed at cold temperature with a long pressing cycle.

#### **Vinification and ageing:**

75% in French oak barrels originated from Bordeaux coopers. 1/3 new oak. Light and medium toast.

25% in vats to express and preserve the Sauvignon flavors.

No malolactic fermentation.

Oenologist advisor: Athanase Fakorellis



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#### **Tasting comments**

*Pale and bright golden yellow color. Subtle nose with fresh fruit fragrances: grapefruit, apricot, quince, pineapple. In the mouth, it shows fresh intense acid due to its citrus character balanced with its roundness. In the back a light salty / iodine taste very special to Loudenne white. The delicate combination of flavors is reinforced by light oak notes with a good length.*

April 2020

#### **Volume and blend:**

23 000 bottles  
75 % Sauvignon blanc  
25 % Sémillon

#### **Analysis:**

Alcohol content: 13 % vol.

