



# LOUDENNE

## LE CHÂTEAU

2017

### 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 on a limestone sub-soil.

Vineyard: 9 ha (22 acres) – average 29 y.o.

Density: 5 000 plants / hectare.

77% Sauvignon blanc – 23% Sémillon.

#### **2017 weather conditions:**

The budburst was early and was marked by a frost that hit the Bordeaux vineyards on April 26th. Thanks to its vicinity with the Gironde estuary, Loudenne vineyard was 100% protected from the frost. With the exception, at the end of June, of a heat wave that slowed down the ripening process, July and August with a cooler and sunny weather, were favorable. The Sauvignon were harvested early at the end of August. The harvest of the Semillon has been disturbed by rainfalls but without impact on the grapes soundness.

#### **Harvest:**

From August 24th until September 7th

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



**Chris Kissack 93**

**Decanter Jane Anson 91**

**VerteVin 90-91+**



**91/100**



#### **Tasting comments**

*Pale golden yellow color.*

*Powerful, fruity and delicate nose with at first fresh citrus fragrances followed by white peach flavors and fresh pears.*

*In the mouth it is balanced in between roundness and freshness. It reveals complex and delicate flavors, fine lemon on the attack, followed by crunchy apple and fresh pear and at the end slight oak and iodine notes.*

*Long finish.*

*March 2020*

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

30 000 bottles

75 % Sauvignon blanc

25 % Sémillon

#### **Analysis:**

Alcohol content: 12.5 % vol.

pH : 3.04

