



CHATEAU DE CÉRON

AOC CERONS

2018

The 2018 vintage was a real test of patience. The first 6 months of the year were dominated by incessant rainfall and mild temperatures. The weather then changed radically on the 15th of July, marking the start of a hot summer with periods of drought. The harvest period stretched from late August to late October, with the grapes reaching excellent levels of maturity. This exceptionally long and rain-free harvest period allowed us to fine-tune our picking operations. In the cellar the juices proved to be very consistent, with a beautiful colour. This was an unusual year with extreme conditions, but in the end, it turned out to be an excellent vintage.

Tasting comments:

A beautiful, clear and brilliant straw yellow color with golden reflections. A nose with notes of honey, ginger and dried apricot, a touch of candied lemon and papaya. A greedy attack, with notes of date paste, honey and orange peel characteristic of Cérons wines.

Vineyard

Blend: 90 % Sémillon – 6 % Sauvignon Blanc – 4% Muscadelle

Color: Blanc

Appellation: Cérons

Surface area: 5 hectares

Planting density : 6 600 vines / ha

Average vine age : 35 years

Geology: Mixed gravel soil with sand and small stones resting upon a subsoil of oceanic limestone.

Vineyard management: Responsible farming.

Harvest: Handpicking only by successive sorting. The grapes are picked after over-ripeness and progressive invasion of Botrytis Cinerea, the fungus responsible for the natural concentration of the grapes (noble rot). The botrytised berries are mostly harvested at the "rotten roasted" stage in order to find an aromatic balance and freshness characteristic of Cérons wines.

Winemaking process

Winemaking: Very slow pressing in increasing stages and extraction of the skin aromas. Cold settling of the must, followed by the transfer into barrels and the start of natural fermentation.

Ageing: In barrels for 2 to 3 years.

Bottling: At the Chateau.

Alcohol volume: 13,5%





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Press

MARKUS DEL MONEGO

Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant nose with restrained fruit, apricots, peaches and lemon zest, candied orange peel in the background, as well as hints of vanilla. On the palate well structured, wonderful tension, very good length.

Markus Del Monego 91/100



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