

Sauvignon-sur-Lie

Domaine du Château d'Eau



► Location

Our beautiful 84 hecatres (210 acres) estate in the Pays d'Oc (Languedoc) is situated in Lespignan near Béziers.

► Grape variety

Sauvignon.

► Production

Out of 84 hectares, our Sauvignon wine area of 3.4 hectares (8.5 acres) yearly produces about 9 000 bottles per ha, partly Sauvignon and partly Sauvignon-sur-Lie.

► Characteristics

This vigorous grape variety comes from the Loire region. In Mediterranean areas, due to the difference in climate, it has to be vinified in a particular manner. This grape variety ripens rather early and so it has to be watched closely in order to harvest it at the appropriate time as over-ripeness could spoil its aroma. The whole vinification process requires strict temperature control. To make certain that the grapes are cool when picked, they are harvested at night. The grapes and the must are kept at low temperature during all the vinification process. Finally, to avoid losing aromas, these wines are kept on their lees until bottling. This increases the delicacy and finesse of the wine and retains its freshness.

► Gastronomy

Slightly sparkling, this wine goes well with fresh water fish and seafood. It may also be served as an aperitif.

► Serving temperature

Serve cool but not chilled.

► History

To be allowed to qualify as "sur lie", this wine can neither be bottled before the 21st of March nor sold before the 1st of April.