

Château Delmond

Château Delmond, Sauternes 2014

PRODUCER

Jean-Christophe Barbe studied at the University of Bordeaux and did his thesis on 'pourriture noble', or noble rot, the botrytis that makes Sauternes so special. Today, he instructs the youth of Bordeaux in winemaking while running the family property, Château Laville, in Sauternes. Château Delmond is the second wine of Château Laville.

VINEYARDS

Jean Christophe Barbe's vineyards are located in the commune of Preignac. He has 13 hectares which all qualify for Sauternes status. The average age of the vines is 30 years. Chateau Delmond, however, is made from slightly younger vines, resulting in a fresher, lighter style, yet with the complexity and luscious feel of good Sauternes. Soils are mainly gravel and calcareous gravel.

VINTAGE

2014 was a great vintage for Sauternes, with some Botrytis in September and plenty in late October. Permanent follow-up and rigorous work in the vineyard allowed for a harvest of very good quality grapes. Harvest dates were chosen according to grape tastings in order to check maturity of the grapes. Some have even quoted it as the best vintage since the turn of the century

VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvested in separate 'passes' through the vineyard and pressed in the pneumatic and vertical hydraulic press. The alcoholic fermentation took place at a temperature of 20-22°C. The wine was aged in tank for 18 months prior to bottling, and because it was so clean, he bottled with a relatively low level of free SO2 (40 mg/litre).

TASTING NOTES

Pale gold in colour with fresh floral and stone fruit aromas on the nose. Apricot, honey and peach mix with citrus peel and creamy flavours on the palate. Medium to full in body with refreshing acidity to balance the lingering sweet finish.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2014
Region	Sauternes, Bordeaux
Grape Varieties	90% Semillon 10% Sauvignon Blanc
Winemaker	Jean-Christophe Barbe
Features	Sustainable, Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	125g/L
Acidity	7.8g/L
Wine pH	3.6
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl