

LE GRAND ENCLOS DU CHATEAU DE CERONS, GRAVES, FRANCE.



Grape variety and % blend	50% Semillon, 50% Sauvignon Blanc
Alcohol	12.0%
Residual sugar	<2 g/l
Production quantity	
Age of vine	15 - 50 Years.
Soil type	Flinty stones over gravelly subsoil.
Hand/machine harvested	Hand harvested.
Harvest dates	
Length of fermentation	
Steel tank/barrel fermentation	Stainless steel and part barrel fermentation.
Bottle/cask ageing	10 months with regular lees stirring in: 48% in stainless steel vats. 18% in new oak barrels. 10% in new 600 Lt barrels (demi-muids) 24% in one year old barrels
Bouquet & Palate	Nice pale straw yellow colour. Fresh nose of white flowers combined with grapefruit fragrances. On the palate good attack and balance with medium bodied, creamy texture and good length. Exotic fruits nuances with nice freshness and minerality.
Serving temperature	12 degrees
Food match	Scallops, grilled lobster, prawns, salmon or salmon trout, Seafood risotto.
Ageing potential	5 Years

Producer

The Grand Enclos du Château de Cérons is a 26,5 hectares estate located in the heart of the Graves region, few kilometres away from the Sauternes area. Historically known for the quality of its terroir and run like a Grand Cru Classé, the estate produces wines of great expression with a long ageing potential. "Grand Enclos" stands for a three meters high stone wall that surrounds 10 hectares of vines, just in front of the 19th century Manor house. The property also consists of a fully renovated winery, vathouse and "barrel cellar", that combines state of the art facility with traditional know-how.

Vineyard

16.5 hectares of vines lie on the famous Podensac plateau, one of the most notorious terroir of the South Graves area. All activities in the vineyard are oriented to highest quality and are following strict "sustainable viticulture" rules, from balanced pruning, careful thinning out of leaves twice a season, green harvesting, manual picking and table hand selection contribute to the a wine with the purest terroir expression. The annual production is about 125.000 bottles, shared among the Grand Vin, Grand Enclos du Chateau de Cérons, in red and white AOC Graves.

Region

The Bordeaux region encompasses an astonishing 120,000 hectares of vineyards with a total of 57 appellations—the largest vine growing area of France. It produces some of the highest priced wines throughout the globe. The geographical location of the region contains calcium rich soil and is separated into subdivisions by the Garonne and Dordogne rivers. The stones in the soil of this region allow for decent drainage by boosting the flow of rainwater. The Graves appellation is the longest running in the Bordeaux region dating back to one thousand years, and still continues to be one of the best sub regions in the area for winegrowing.

Tasting notes

Château de Cerons is THE find for us this year. We were searching for understated, classic, beautifully balanced and brilliantly made Bordeaux white and red and we found both right here.



Winemaker

Patrick Leon is the wine-maker at Grand Enclos and is a bit of an all round legend in the wine world. He was previously the winemaker at Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Opus One Clerc Million, D'Armaillac, Vina Almaviva, Opus One and Château d'Esclan (Some of the most prestigious wineries in the world). Now he operates as a wine maker / consultant at a number of highly regarded estates in Bordeaux