

CHATEAU PRIEURE DE BLAIGNAN 2015

Appellation Médoc

~ Background ~

The 20-hectare vineyard of Château Prieuré de Blaignan Médoc is entirely enclosed within Château Blaignan's. Château Blaignan is a fine estate of 97 hectares (240 acres) in the northern part of the Médoc. It has been planted with vine since the 14th century. There is nothing left today of the ancient fortress (seat of the Lords of Blaignan in the Middle-Ages, which gave its name both to the land and to the noble family who owned the manor), except for a few ruins next to the church in the old village of Blaignan. In 2004, CA Grands Crus, a subsidiary of Groupe Crédit Agricole, acquired Château Blaignan. An improvement plan was put together for the entire estate. Château Prieuré de Blaignan is made with the same care and energy as the first wine and using a similar blend, the wine is voluptuous, fruity and fresh with soft and delicate tannins.



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~ Viticulture ~

- Final blend is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Merlot.
- 23 hectares are exclusively dedicated to the production of Château Prieuré de Blaignan.
- The high potential of the site lies on two limestone mounds that offer different sunshine exposure and drainage opportunities.
- The limestone-clay soil lies on a calcareous limestone base, whose sedimentation dates back to the quaternary period.
- Average age of the vines: 30 years.
- Farming method: parcel management of soil and vineyard.
- Certified sustainable farming.
- Average yields: 48hl/ha



~ Winemaking ~

The new winery was ready for the 2010 harvest and allows tank temperatures.

- Important for fermentation and maceration to be precisely controlled.
- It is also equipped for cold-soaking prior to fermentation.
- Post-fermentary maceration lasts for between 21 and 30 days according to the nature of the harvest.
- The wine's progress is checked by regular tastings, with temperatures held between 28°C and 30°C.
- Maturing will then last for 15 to 17 months, depending on the vintage.

~ Tasting notes ~

A clear, attractive red, the colour of Prieuré de Blaignan shines with crimson reflections. The fresh nose has forest berry characters. Its delicate freshness is evocative of bilberry and red currant in particular. On the palate, the 2015 vintage also shows itself to be fresh and indulgent with notes of wild strawberry. On the finish, it leaves supple tannins on the palate.

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91 Points. A rich and deep red with blackberry and chocolate aromas and flavors. Full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink in 2020.