

Château Climens Asphodèle 2019



Premier vin blanc sec de l'histoire du Château Climens, Asphodèle s'inscrit pour le moins dans la singularité de ce 1er Cru inclassable. Au-delà de son caractère génétique (100% sémillon, 100% issu du terroir du domaine), ce nouveau-né est atypique et pourrait surprendre plus d'un connaisseur. Vinifié de façon très naturelle et en suivant les principes de la biodynamie, ce nouveau vin blanc sec offre une lecture précise de ce terroir unique, façonné par la conjonction des sables rouges argileux et du calcaire. Un vin unique, pur et vivant, qui conjugue grâce et caractère.

Vendanges : Du 26/08 au 20/09

Cépage : 100% sémillon

Appellation : Bordeaux Blanc Sec

Certification bio et biodynamique : AB -
DEMETER

Vinification : Elevage sur lies fines en cuve
béton pendant 8 mois

Alcool : 12 % vol.

Acidité totale : 2,9 g/l H₂SO₄

pH : 3,4

Sucres résiduels : < 4 g/l

Production : 55 000 bouteilles

Mise en bouteille : mai 2020

BERNARD BURTSCHY – 95/97 : Le vin est tenu par une très belle acidité, il est ciselé, tendu et l'ensemble ne manque pas de classe. Une grande pureté. Un grand vin de terroir très singulier.
16/04/21.

THE WINE DOCTOR – 94 : A pale straw-coloured hue in the glass, it has a nose which feels taut, rich in citrus notes, lime and orange pith especially, but there are also richer tones of cherimoya and creamed white peach, threaded with chalk dust and white pepper. The palate impresses with a little Polish to the texture at the very start, bringing with it a phenolic drive and fresh acidity, all of which is maintained through the midpalate as balance and drive. Towards the finish it takes on a little waxy note as well, a contrast against the increasingly crystalline fruit, and combined with a touch of bitterness it adds something delightfully intriguing to the whole.
Chris Kissack. 19/07/21.

DECANTER – 94 : A crystalline and mineral-touched nose - apple skin, lemongrass and white flowers. Just so pure and lifted with notes of elderflower and rose reminding me of an English garden. This is so complete on the palate, fleshy but well defined with a really soft honey edge supported by stone fruit and a clear minerality too. Excellent acidity, it's quite a 'white' style, not exuberant but nicely refreshing and inviting. Clear, bright and lively but at the same time a soft powdery minerality gives it a texture, like velvet that sweeps across the tongue. Elegant and finessed with a real personality - you wouldn't guess it's from Sauternes or even Bordeaux. A nice expression of a dry white from the sweet region. *Georgina Hindle. 05/01/22.*

THE DRINK BUSINESS – 94 : A wine with considerable lift and energy, like all the best wines of this vintage. Bright, radiant and intense with a great focus and well-defined mid-palate layering and an almost chewy, slightly spicy finish. Very calcaire and quite crystalline, with the minerality and salinity giving adding grip, focus and definition – and helping to reveal the chiselled structural spine of this wine. Flint and matchbox, crushed seashells, shades of citrus and honeysuckle too. Exudes a sense of harmony and fluidity as this rolls over the palate. Really rather special. *Colin Hay. 20/12/23.*

TASTETAINMENT – 93 : Very bright yellow colour with green hue. Very elegant nose with fragrant aroma reminiscent of tangerine zest, fresh lime, white blossoms, starfruit and discreet hints of vanilla in the background. On the palate juicy fruit, tangerine, lima and ripe peaches, fine acidity and elegant minerality with good balance, depth and convincing length. A noble wine with great elegance, freshness and persistence. *Markus Del Monego. 31/07/20*

JANE ANSON – 93 : A different expression from many of the dry whites in the 2019 vintage, with the 100% Sémillon making an impact. Acacia, even honeycomb notes alongside citrus fruits yet no hint of oxidation, rich yet dry with orange zest, slate, crushed stone and oyster shell salinity. A delicious wine with clear personality. *01/11/21.*

THE WINE ADVOCATE – 92+ : The nose has a lovely, soft-spoken restraint, offering notes of lemon peel, fresh hay, Bosc pears and paraffin wax with touches of coriander seed, honeysuckle and toasted almonds. The medium-bodied palate has beautifully understated savory and mineral nuances accenting the citrus and spiced pears flavors with a lively line of freshness and a satiny texture, finishing long and perfumed. *Lisa Perrotti-Brown. 30/09/20.*