



# CHATEAU DE CÉRON

## GRAVES BLANC

### 2023

2023, the apotheosis of the winegrower's work!

We have held firm throughout this third year of conversion to organic farming, despite a wet and mild winter and spring, and a fight against mildew in very difficult and rare working conditions.

September got off to a flying start, with the ripening of the grapes accelerating in the last few days of August and the Sauvignon Blanc harvest starting on 29 August.

A generous, classic, highly aromatic and fresh white vintage.

Colour, smoothness, creaminess and freshness are the key characteristics of this vintage.

### Tasting notes:

The nose is very fine and expressive with notes of lemon and pink grapefruit, complemented by an aromatic touch of passion fruit. On the palate, the wine is lively and invigorating, very fruity, giving way to a subtle minerality typical of the appellation. The wine is also pleasantly smooth, thanks to ageing on fine lees, with a long-lasting aroma on the finish.

### Vineyard

Blend: 75% Sémillon - 20% Sauvignon Blanc - 5% Sauvignon Gris

Color: White

Appellation: Graves

Total vineyard area: 30 hectares

Planting density: 6 600 vines / ha

Average age of vines: 27 years

Soil type: Clay and gravel, limestone subsoil with marine asteria

Vineyard management: High environmental value level 3 (HVE3), EMS and ISO 14001, converting to organic farming in 2021.

Harvesting: Manual and mechanical, at optimum ripeness.

### Wine-making techniques

Vinification: Gentle pressing in stages, followed by fine, precise settling. Cold stabilisation for 1 to 7 days.

Fermentation in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. Batônage then racking.

Ageing: On fine lees for 6 months in stainless steel vats.

Bottling: at the Château.

Alcohol content: 12.5% vol.





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Fresh and crunchy white with a medium body and bright acidity.  
Vived citrus fruit in the center palate.

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Decanter

By and large, the dry whites of Graves and Pessac Léognan, proved successful in 2023.

There are some standout wines, that combine opulence and verve, and are certainly riper (and better) than the dry whites of the 2021 vintages. While also maintaining balance thanks to the acidity.

Value Picks : «Chateau de Cérons »

**GEORGINA HINDLE**

FÉRET

Notes intenses de fruits de la passion, de pamplemousse et de sel marin. L'attaque est douce et se poursuit par une belle tension fraîche et gourmande. Énergique.

**GIANNI DEGL'INNOCENTI. Note : 16,5/20**