

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC



1948 is a very good year marked by a drought conditions. The wine is atypical because it is very tannic – which is relatively rare for Cheval Blanc. It is perfectly balanced and incredibly young for a wine nearly seventy years old.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

The harvest began on the 27th of September after an extremely dry growing season that accounts for this beautiful vintage. The heat led to small, thick-skinned grapes with ink-black juice.

GROWING SEASON

	Begin	End
1948 harvest dates	September, 27th	October, 11th
Average harvest dates:1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1948 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
24.8	33.9

CELLAR WORK

1948 Cheval Blanc was very tannic when young and difficult to taste because of its 13.5° alcohol. One of the leading brokers in Bordeaux criticized the wine harshly, saying it reflected none of Cheval Blanc's usual smoothness and outgoing character.

The former owner, Claude Fourcaud-Laussac, said of this wine when he tasted it in 1989: « This teenager still has a great many years ahead of it ». Indeed, its tannin has ensured a phenomenally long life. Although the aftertaste is not especially long, the wine's tannic texture is tighter than traditional vintages of Cheval Blanc ».

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