

# CHATEAU 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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