



Château Cantegril

Millésime : 2006

History

Chateau Cantegril is a 22 hectare plot on the chalky plateau of the Haut Barsac. It is located where once a fortified castle of the same name stood back in the Middle Ages. It belonged to the duke of Epernon and then to the lords of Cantegril, one of whom married Miss de Myrat and built, the chateau Myrat on Cantegril as it stands today. In 1854 Chateau Cantegril was separated from Myrat as a ruling from the civil court on December 24th 1862 stipulated. Purchased by the Segur Montagne family, it changed hands several times until it became the property of Charles Rodberg, the Belgian Consul in Bordeaux, and then that of Emile Raymond. In 1924 it was bought by Denis Dubourdieu's maternal great grand parents, the L'Hermite-Mansencal family.

Although not listed in the official classification of 1855, Chateau Cantegril is mentioned among the second growths in the various editions of "Bordeaux and its Classified Wines by Order of Merit" written by Charles Cocks and Edouard Ferret (1874, 1881, 1886, 1893, 1898, 1908, 1922, 1929).

Chateau Cantegril has belonged to the same family since 1924 and has been managed in turn by Andre Mansencal until 1978, his son in law Pierre Dubourdieu until 2000, then by his son Denis Dubourdieu.

Since 2016 Fabrice and Jean Jacques Dubourdieu have carried on the family adventure. Fabrice Dubourdieu lives at Chateau Cantegril.

The wine

Comme ceux de Doisy Daëne, les vins liquoreux de Cantegril expriment la sève et la vivacité du terroir calcaire de Barsac.

The vineyard

The soil at Chateau Cantegril is the same as in the rest of the Barsac area, namely : 40 cms of

clay on top of the typical limestone plateau of this appellation.

Area : 10.5 hectares

Variety : 100 % semillon grown exclusively for the production of sweet wines at Chateau Cantégril

in the Barsac appellation

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Average age of the vines : 60 years

Production

Manually harvested, successively picked and sorted.

Fermentation takes place in barrels having separated each sorted pick of each individual plot.

Three months after the harvest a first blend is made. The ageing is done in barrels for an average of 12 months. Le vin

Comment(s)

Where did this come from Cantegril. Never heard of it, but they made a great 2006 with a lovely pineapple, orange peel and lemon-scented nose with superb definition. The palate is thick and unctuous with a good level of botrytis. Very good weight leading to a crisp, spicy finish. Complex and engaging. I would love to retaste this to verify my optimism.

Note : (90-92)

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Du même producteur que le cru classé Doisy-Daëne, ce vin apparaît aujourd'hui encore un peu fermé, ne livrant que de discrètes notes de raisin soutenues par un fin bois. Plus expressif en bouche, il révèle un bel équilibre et des arômes de fruits exotiques. Un sauternes d'une belle homogénéité moignant du savoir-faire des Dubourdieu

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Robe : dorée intense aux reflets or, fluide, limpide et brillante.

Nez : agréable et fin, d'une bonne intensité, dévoilant des parfums de fruits blancs et de fleurs puis de sous-bois (champignons, humus), de botrytis.

Attaque franche.

Bouche : attaque franche, ronde et grasse, dotée de sucre résiduel. Finale équilibrée et harmonieuse.

Accord mets-vin : un foie gras parfait.

Commentaires : un très beau vin à apprécier maintenant.

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THE WINE ADVOCATE

A light golden colour. The nose has gone intensity with good level of honeyed botrytized fruit. There is just a hint of marzipan in the background. Good definition. The palate is medium-bodied, good acidity, good level of botrytis, nice viscous texture, perhaps just lacking a little tension on the finish, but a good 2006.

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Note : 89/100

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