



CLOS FLORIDÈNE

GRAND VIN DE GRAVES

Millésime : 2017

History

Clos Floridène today covers an area of 40 hectares in the Graves appellation ; mostly it lies on the limestone plateau of Pujols sur Ciron, near Barsac. A few portions are on the pebbly terraces of Illats.

The name stems from the combination of the founders' names - Denis and Florence Dubourdieu.

In the early days , Clos Floridène, (1982) was a small two hectare plot of land planted with old vines of semillon and muscadelle. Furthermore there was the vigneron's homestead, an old cellar and two hectares of fallow land. This was immediately planted up with cabernet sauvignon.

Through the gradual purchase of adjacent portions the current vineyard was established. In 1991 Clos Floridène was substantially enlarged through the incorporation of Chateau Montalivet, a bordering thirteen hectare vineyard. The wines of Clos Floridène were first made in the cellar at Chateau Reynon. The first phase of building the cellar at Floridène started in 2004. The red Clos Floridène 2005 vintage was elaborated in this new facility.

The second phase of building started in 2016. The ultimate goal was to develop both the wine making installation as well as ageing facilities. Up until recently these were made at Chateau Reynon.

The original historic vigneron's homestead was also restored. It is now used as a B and B with an attached reception hall which allows Clos Floridène to host events and promote wine tourism.

The renovation work and building was completed in 2018. In all it took 36 years to launch Clos Floridène as an independent vineyard and winery. It is now internationally known.

The wine

Le Clos Floridène produit un vin blanc sec et un vin rouge d'appellation Graves. Depuis 2004, est également produit le rosé de Floridène d'un grand éclat aromatique.

Issus de jeunes vignes, les seconds vins (blanc et rouge) du Clos Floridène sont commercialisés sous le nom de Drapeaux de Floridène.

The vineyard

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Sol : argilo-calcaire pour le vignoble blanc, argilo-calcaire et Graves pour le vignoble rouge.

Surface : 41 hectares

Encépagement : Sémillon 32%, Sauvignon 28%, Merlot 8%, Cabernet 31%, Muscadelle 1%

Age Moyen du Vignoble : 35 ans

Élaboration

Les vins blancs : fermentation et élevage en barriques et cuves bois.

Durée d'élevage : 9 mois.

Les vins rouges : vinification en cuves inox, extraction douce par pigeage.

Elevage de 12 mois en barriques.

Blending

75 % Cabernet- Sauvignon - 25 % Merlot

Comment(s)

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Black cherry and black currant fruit glides through, with light anise and tar accents, staying graceful through the finish.

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Note : 89-92

VERT DE VIN

Le nez est frais, aromatique et offre une fine richesse (en fond). On y retrouve des notes de cassis, de fraise des bois mûre et plus légèrement de cassis associées à de petites touches de framboise écrasée, de poivre de Cuben ainsi qu'à une subtile pointe d'épices et d'amande. La bouche est fraîche, fruitée, équilibrée et offre de la jutosité ainsi qu'un joli gras. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de framboise juteuse, de fraise charnue et plus légèrement de cassis associées à une touche de cerise, de réglisse, de toasté/caramélisé ainsi qu'à une très discrète/imperceptible pointe de lys (en fond) et d'iode (en fond). Bonne longueur.

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Note : 88

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Jean-Jacques Dubourdieu has done a good job with this wine. There's a little more extraction than some - a sign of confidence in his clay-red sand and gravel soils in the commune of Pujols-sur-Ciron, on the approach to Barsac. Aged in 33% new oak, this has a lift and sense of minerality through the palate, with fairly juicy blackberry markers. The acidity finishes just a little high, as I am finding in a lot of the red Graves this year, but it's a good wine with attractive weight. Medium-term.

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This opens with raspberry pavlova sprinkled with leaves of mint on the nose, mixed with a little smoky oak. The palate shows the same character, with a remarkably light presence of fruit, mixed with a flinty and reductive element. A very leafy style of Graves here, one which doesn't speak of the most convincing level of ripeness.

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Note : 83-85/100

B my Bordeaux

Ruby. Scented, dark berries, anise, blueberries and minerals nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, fruity, dark berries, anise, minerals, lovely balance, long.

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The 2017 Clos Floridène, the Graves Château owned by Florence and the late Denis Dubourdieu, has a well defined bouquet with perfumed blackberry and iris aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and a judicious sprinkle of black pepper on the finish. This consistent performer just goes and produces (yet another) delicious Graves that comes recommended.

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