

FIEUZAL

Grand Cru Classé de Graves

2012 VINTAGE

Weather conditions during 2012 were excellent from May to August, although this was followed by a tricky period from mid-September.

Despite that, the 2012 blend is a highly successful mix of mainly Cabernet Sauvignon, with smaller additional amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc (which was particularly good in 2012) and finally, some of our ever-reliable Petit-Verdot.

In our “cellar-kitchen” the different grape lots were, as always, separately vinified, to keep their aromas fresh and lively, with the Merlot and Cabernet Franc lying in stainless steel tanks, while the Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit-Verdot lots were kept mainly in concrete tanks.

A few batches of particularly rich Cabernet Sauvignon were additionally placed directly into five wooden vats.

The final blend is rich with aromas of berries, including blackcurrant, and spices - hints of vanilla and pepper - with subtle notes of wood.

Both the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Petit Verdot are at the height of their powers here.

In the mouth the wine is, at first, dense and rich. By mid-palate it has developed a delicate finesse, without losing its structure. This is followed by a very vital, fresh finish, which bodes well for future aging.

Overall, a very good vintage in the style of 2008 and 2011.

Stephen Carrier, Winemaker

VINEYARD

Owners :

Brenda & Lochlann Quinn

Consultant :

Hubert de Boüard

Appellation :

Pessac-Léognan

Blend : 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

