Chateau d'Yquem



PRODUCER
Chateau d'Yquem

REGION
Bordeaux

WHERE
Sauternes, Bordeaux

CLASSIFICATION
Premier Cru Supérieur (1855)

GRAPES
Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc

VINTAGE AND SIZE
1986 · 75cl

About Chateau d'Yquem

Château d'Yquem stands on a hill in Sauternes and is the most famous sweet wine estate in the world. In the 1855 Classification it was the only estate ranked Premier Cru Supérieur, above all the other wines of Sauternes and Barsac. It belonged to the Lur-Saluces family for more than two centuries before LVMH became the majority owner in 1999.

Grapes are picked by hand in successive passes through the vineyard, selecting only berries affected by noble rot, and in years judged not good enough no Yquem is released. The wine is one of the longest-lived in the world.

About the wine

Yquem is a sweet wine made mostly from Sémillon with Sauvignon Blanc, from grapes concentrated by noble rot and aged in new oak barrels. It is rich and luscious yet balanced by fresh acidity, with apricot, honey, citrus and spice. Its colour deepens to amber over time, and great vintages can age for a century or more.

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