La Tour Blanche

PRODUCER
La Tour Blanche

REGION
Bordeaux

WHERE
Bommes, Sauternes, Bordeaux

CLASSIFICATION
First Growth Sauternes (1855)

GRAPES
Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscadelle

VINTAGE AND SIZE
1996 · 12 x 75cl OWC

About La Tour Blanche

Château La Tour Blanche is a Sauternes estate in Bommes, ranked first among the Premiers Crus in the 1855 Classification, after Yquem. In 1907 its owner, Daniel Iffla, known as Osiris, bequeathed it to the French state on condition that it house a school of viticulture and winemaking, which it still does today.

The vineyard is planted mainly with Sémillon, with Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle. Since the 1980s the estate has made significant improvements, including barrel fermentation, and it now produces rich, well-balanced Sauternes of consistent quality.

About the wine

La Tour Blanche is a sweet white Sauternes made predominantly from Sémillon affected by noble rot, with Sauvignon Blanc and a little Muscadelle, fermented and aged in oak. It is rich and luscious, with apricot, honey, citrus peel and spice, balanced by fresh acidity. Enjoyable young, it develops greater complexity over twenty years or more.

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