



The story of 5 Etoiles

Once upon a time there were the 2016 Primeurs. That year, Châteaux Sigalas-Rabaud, Rabaud Promis, Lafaurie Peyraguey, La Tour Blanche and Rayne Vigneau created a box offering an exceptional assortment of each of their Grand Cru Classé in 1855.

These cases seduced, and in a few hours, were purchased. Following this success, the idea was born: **to unite the best of their vines, but also the best of their talents and their characters to create a prestigious cuvée, together.** These five grands crus classés of Sauternes in 1855 then launched a unique wine in the world: the 5+, an oenological dream! An incredible way to reveal the magic and diversity of a grand terroir in Sauternes: Bommès.

These grands crus mark the wine each in their own way by their diverse personalities.

The aerial finesse of Château Sigalas Rabaud, the subtle botrytized complexity with a slightly mineral impression of Château de Rayne Vigneau, the fruits and intensity of Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey, the balance and crunchy acidity of Château La Tour Blanche and the freshness and luminosity of Château Rabaud Promis.

This wine is produced in extremely limited quantities since the 2016 vintage and only for few selected vintages.

The 2017 vintage

2017 is a legendary Sauternes! The legend in Sauternes goes that the years with 7 are always excellent: 1987, 1997, 2007 confirm it.

The 2017 vintage is a legend itself!

It is one of those vintages that allow winemakers to approach perfection. Botrytis, so pure, grows quickly on a grape of excellent quality (the dry whites produced testify to this).

Everything is brought together for an exceptional wine, freshness, tension, power, acidity, fruit, harmony, bringing the complexity that only Sauternes wines can offer.

2017 is a legend in Sauternes! There are winemakers who claim to have never experienced such magical moments.





CUVÉE 5+

Tasting

It's an amazing tasting!

It begins with the luminosity of the color of the wine poured into the glass, the light concentrates there, and makes the wine sunny.

It surprises by the precision of the nose, everything is in place. The intensity increases with aeration. The wine is present, powerful, the white peach, the lychee, the linden, are part of the olfactory palette so complex of this wine. The nose is infinite, offering aroma again and again delaying the moment of that first mouthfeel.

This moment is wonderful, a feeling of freshness, softness, silkiness invades the palate. It is first of all the touch of this wine that captivates you. Then the work of men and the terroir are expressed! The structure of the wine, its elegance, its power are obvious. Finally, the complexity, the generosity of botrytis brings a sublime length to the finish.

We do not taste this wine, we let ourselves be carried away by the sensations and emotions it offers.

Harvest and Blending

Grape varieties : 83% Sémillon, 16% Sauvignon, 1% Muscadelle

Terroir : Clay-gravelly hilltops that cross the commune of Bommès

Type of agriculture : Reasoned agriculture

3 to 5 successive selections depending on the conditions from mid-September to the end of October

Cumulative area 205 ha, representing 20% of the surface for the crus classés of sauternes

Analysis

Alcohol content : 13.5%

Residual sugar content : 136g/l

Acidity : 3,9g/H₂SO₄/L

Ageing

Wooden ageing for **18 months**

Production

1457 bottles



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2017 VINTAGE 5+

Château La Tour Blanche



Two The 2017 La Tour Blanche has a very elegant and controlled bouquet; perhaps atypically for an estate that usually produces one of the more decant Sauternes aromatics (not that I complaining for the record). The palate is very intense with layers of pure botrytized fruit, clear honey laced with orange zest and mandarin that segue into a dense, rich but fresh finish that is pure botrytized joy. Excellent. **93 - 95/100**



Two Extraordinary aromatic finesse, great length, perfect botrytis. A grand wine. **18/20**

Château Rabaud Promis

Two Notes of fern, pebble and freshness. A density that is beautifully roasted, succulent, with aromas of apricot, exotic fruits, mango. A finish with beautiful bitters. A high-class magnificent roast. A favorite. **96/100.**

Tine de Vin

Two Pear and pineapple aroma. Broad and rich on the palate but finely balanced by the freshness. Depth and zip at the same time. **17,5/20**

Janis Robinson

Château Sigalas Rabaud



Two The palate is wonderfully crisp, finishing long and fruity. **93 - 95/100**

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Two A honeyed sweetly fruited fullbodied Sauternes that offers classical tropical fruits peach and caramelized pineapple aromas and flavors. It has a terrific botrytis character, a big texture, yet the freshness and purity that's the hallmark of the vintage. **93 - 95/100**

Château Lafaurie Peyraguey

Two A wine with fresh, clean botrytis influence and lemon curd, sliced apricot, dried apricot and apricot confiture. This has striking purity with such intense flavors of peach and apricot custard, apricot pastry and a very elegant and supple, fleshy-fruit texture with acidity that holds such freshness on the finish. Elegance and freshness meets power and purity. Concentrated in every respect - flavors, sugar and acidity. Drink now or age for a considerable time, as you prefer. **97/100**

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Two A lot of finesse and plurality in the bouquet of Lafaurie. Pleasant freshness through notes of mint, apples, and citrus fruit. Good symbiosis between minerality and fruity notes.

On the palate the wine is marked by its fullness, and it is true to its character. It is ideally sustained by the liveliness and tension of its structure while opulence and charm round off the corners. This wine has character, grandeur and ambitions that it can perfectly ensure. The outlook is excellent and the threshold towards 100 points is smaller than ever... **99/100.**

Vivian Beck

Château de Rayne Vigneau



Two The 2017 Rayne-Vigneau has been on a roll of late and this latest release has bags of potential. It has a well-defined, quite intense bouquet with perfumed yellow plum and acacia honey aromas wafting from the glass. The palate is very fresh on the entry with crisp acidity. This feels very pure and full of tension, conveying wonderful energy on the honeyed finish with blood orange on the aftertaste. Superb. **94-96/100.**



Two This indulgent wine is rich, opulent and concentrated. At the same time, the core of botrytis and rich fruit will allow the wine to age well. The finish boasts an acidic lift and a touch of ginger flavor. Drink from 2024. **94-96/100.**

