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## Château Grand Village Blanc



Our family has been growing vines at Grand Village since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and there is no doubt regarding the very early appearance of white varieties in the estate's vineyard. With the viticulture sector crisis in the 1960s, those white varieties slowly gave up their place to be replaced with red grapes.

Convinced by the great potential of some of our soils at Grand Village to yield great white wines, Sylvie and I decided to replant a number of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon parcels in the early 1990s. The first vintages were very encouraging, with white wines full of freshness, to be enjoyed in their youth. A few experiments with barrel aging demonstrated the capacity for making whites of complexity at Grand Village.

At the beginning of the new millennium, with the arrival of Baptiste and Julie, we began a process of major improvements. Our efforts were first concentrated towards our white vineyards, putting in place high end vineyard management procedures that we have developed at Lafleur. We started planting new parcels with vine stock originating from the great Sauvignon Blanc vineyards of Sancerre – rich, complex and mineral.

Important evolutions to our white winemaking technics followed. Great progress was made in the cellar with the refinement of our work methods, mastering oxygen intake and barrel aging on the fine lees. The white of Château Grand Village evolved in the passage of just a few years into a unique reference in the white landscape of Bordeaux.



### Technical sheet

Soil and sub-soil: 1.8 hectares of clay-limestone soil / Vineyard under sustainable viticulture / Manual harvest with double sorting at the vineyard / Low pressure pressing under inert atmosphere / Vinification in 50% new barrels and 50% one year old barrels / 9 months aging on the fine lees, including 5 months of gentle lees-stirring / bottled at the beginning of summer the year after harvest / *Grand Cru* type bottles, dark green colour, green aluminium capsule / Packaged in carton boxes of 6 bottles, 3 magnums, and wooden cases of 1 bottle and 1 magnum / Production 8,000 to 12,000 bottles per year / AOC Bordeaux Blanc