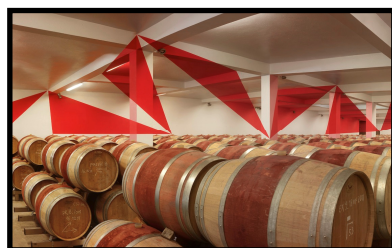


CHÂTEAU CHASSE-SPLEEN

MOULIS-EN-MÉDOC



Château Chasse-Spleen is a winery in the Moulis-en-Médoc appellation of the Bordeaux region of France, just north-west of Margaux. Château Chasse-Spleen was selected as one of six *Crus Exceptionnels* in the *Cru Bourgeois* classification of 1932, and through later revisions until the annulment of the classification in 2007. The estate is today widely considered to be of *cru classé* standard.

The name means "to chase away the blues" or "dispels melancholy". A second wine is produced under the label L'Hermitage de Chasse-Spleen and another titled l'Oratoire de Chasse-Spleen.

The modern era for Château Chasse-Spleen starts in 1976 when the estate was bought by the Merlaut family. At the time of the purchase, Chasse-Spleen owned about 40 hectares of vines. Under the direction of Jacques Merlaut and his daughter, Bernadotte Villars they expanded their vineyard holdings to the current 80 hectares of vines. They also replanted large sections of the vineyard to increase the vine density, and modernized their wine making facilities. The Merlaut family owns several other vineyards including; Château Gruaud Larose , Château Ferriere , Château Citran and Château Haut Bages Liberal . They are also very, successful negociants .

The vineyard area extends 80 hectares, with the grape varieties of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot. On average 28,000 cases are produced annually of the *Grand vin*, and of the two second wines L'Ermitage de Chasse-Spleen and l'Oratoire de Chasse-Spleen, there is produced approximately 14,000 cases.

A small 2 hectare portion of vines is planted to 65% Semillon and 35% Sauvignon Blanc . This is for the production of a dry, white Bordeaux wine, Blanc de Chasse Spleen. Because white wine grapes are not allowed in the Haut Medoc appellation, Blanc de Chasse Spleen is sold as a generic, AOC Bordeaux Blanc.

The red wine of Chasse Spleen is vinified in a combination of stainless steel tanks and wood vats. Malolactic fermentation takes place in vat. The wine of Chasse Spleen is aged in 40% new, French oak barrels for between 12 and 15 months before bottling.



"The more you know about wine, the more you'll want to know about us."

www.ahdvintners.com; (586) 552-1414