

Château Olivier

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 2010 VINTAGE

IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS IN SUMMER

A harsh winter followed by a rather timid spring resulted in a late start to the vegetation cycle. The warm and particularly dry summer allowed the grapes to grow in perfectly healthy conditions and reach ideal ripeness levels whilst conserving their aromatic freshness.

AROMATIC, RICH, WELL STRUCTURED WINES

Château Olivier was thus able to optimise the aromatic potential of each grape variety by harvesting on a case by case basis – plot by plot, row by row... This year, the grapes were only picked in the mornings. This maintained the freshness required for them to conserve their best aromas.

HARVEST DATES

20th September to 15th October
Hand picked, in small baskets.

WINEMAKING

Excellent extraction (ripened tannins, colored wines) and malo-lactic fermentation in vats and barrels (20%).

AGEING

35% new barrels.

ALCOHOL

14.2°

YIELD

40 HL/HA

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 60%
Merlot 40%

TASTING

This wine's very elegant blackish colour boasts all the characteristics of a great vintage. The bouquet is appealing. On the palate the explosion of strawberry, blackberry and raspberry flavours combines with light, pleasantly silky tannins. The overall impression is smooth and fruity.

The finesse of the cabernets and the roundness of the merlots once again turn out to be perfectly complementary. This is a great, racy wine, a perfect expression of its deep-gravel terroir and a wine that offers a new dimension.

TASTING NOTES

CHÂTEAU OLIVIER PESSAC-LÉOGNAN 2010 | SCORE: 88-91 WINE SPECTATOR

Plush and inviting, with rounded plum, raspberry and cherry notes backed by perfumy spice and tea. A hint of warm stone runs through the finish. Solid. — James Molesworth

CHÂTEAU OLIVIER PESSAC-LÉOGNAN 2010 | ★★★★★☆ | DECANTER (17 POINTS)

Well-extracted, quite meaty fruit with good tannins, florality and slight smokiness is there, a good expression of vineyard structure and class. Drink 2015-25.



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VINEYARD

Area: 55 Ha / Soils : Gravels (50%), clay-limestone (35%) and sands (15%)

Varieties : Cabernet Sauvignon (43%), Merlot (57%)

Average age :22 years