

Dominique Haverlan

Benjamin de Vieux Château GAUBERT



GRAVES BORDEAUX, FRANCE

The unique region of Graves, which extends from Bordeaux to the city of Langon, on the left bank of the Garonne River, Produces extraordinary red wines, as well as complex, smooth dry white wines.

The terroir of Graves rests on a sub-soil strata of clay, sand and alios (a type of sand hardened by a blackish iron mixture), limestone and faluns (limestone flecked with shell-encrusted sand). These were deposited over the course of centuries by the Garonne River, from the end of the Tertiary Era and on into the Quaternary Era, shaped continuously by cycles of glaciation.

DESIGNATION

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VARIETY

60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Sémillon

VINEYARD

The vineyards are located in the town of Portets – a sweet spot of the Graves district of Bordeaux, not far from the banks of the Garonne River. Graves wines are the only wines in France to bear the name of their soil: “Las Grabas de Bordeus”, meaning “Bordeaux Gravel”. Yields are very strictly controlled. The vines are farmed using sustainable agriculture at low yields.

PROCESS

Hand-harvested, carefully sorted and pressed. The Sémillon is fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The Sauvignon Blanc is settled and raked into French oak barrels for fermentation and 6 months of aging on lees.

TASTING

Ripe and rich, this full-bodied Sauvignon Blanc/Sémillon wine shows freshness to balance the generous white fruits. Spice and good acidity give the wine extra complexity and an excellent future.

WINERY

Winegrower and builder are two words often used to describe Dominique Haverlan. Born into a family of winemakers that has remained true to this terroir for multiple generations. Building on this fruitful method with pride, his wines delight enthusiasts and professionals alike. Haverlan has been able to set its sights higher and take charge of numerous other chateaus in the Graves and Pessac-Léognan wine regions.