



## 2011 CHATEAU DE SOURS BLANC

**WINEMAKER:** Valérie Valmy  
**REGION:** Bordeaux, France  
**VARIETALS:** Sauvignon Blanc (80%), Semillon (20%)  
**MATURATION:** 60% in older French oak barrels  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 4.72 | pH: 3.13

### VINTAGE:

2011 has been described in Bordeaux as 'the year of living dangerously' starting with a very early budburst in late March with normal weather patterns during flowering in early June followed by a summer occurrences of heatwaves, hail, very little rain, lots of rain, cold and hot temperature fluctuations, and the earliest harvest on record.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand harvested from the estate's twelve acre vineyard during the cool early mornings of the first week of September. 60% of the wine was fermented in older French oak barrels and 40% underwent fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

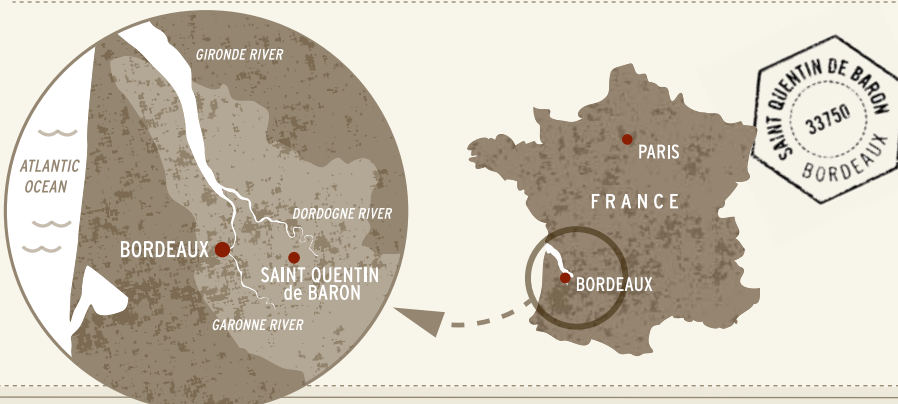
### TASTING NOTES:

This is a wonderfully fresh wine with a pale green, almost silver color. The aromas of lime, and pineapple are underlined by intense smoky, mineral notes thanks to the terroir of the limestone plateau. On the palate, there is a crisp attack of well balanced acidity, nicely integrated oak, textured roundness, and a touch of vanilla to balance the lemon freshness through the long dry finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 87 pts Wine Spectator

### ABOUT CHÂTEAU DE SOURS:

Situated high up on a commanding limestone plateau just to the south-west of Pomerol and facing St. Emilion, Château de Sours has been producing wine for more than 200 years. Dating back to the 14th century, it originally served as an inn on the St. Jacques de Compostelle pilgrimage route to Spain. The current house was built in 1792, and has since been renovated and restored to its former glory by proprietors Martin and Nicolette Krajewski. Under their leadership, Château de Sours has undergone a massive refurbishment, blending the region's traditional rigor and craftsmanship with modern innovations. Château de Sours is producing some of Bordeaux's most respected red and white wines, and is leading a renewed global interest in top class rosé.



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