



2012 LA FLEUR D'AMELIE BORDEAUX BLANC

WINEMAKER: Valérie Valmy
REGION: Bordeaux, France
VARIETALS: Semillon (30%), Sauvignon Blanc (70%)
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol | TA: 4.15 | pH: 3.07

VINTAGE:

The fine tuning of 'vineyard growth' earlier in the year, after the important rain received in May and June, was crucial as it helped produce low vigor and earlier ripeness at Chateau de Sours despite the late starts throughout the growing season. The winery was able to pick all of the fruit before the late September and early October rains.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was hand picked in early September during the cool early morning hours of the day to preserve the fresh fruit aromas and flavors in the grapes. 60% were fermented in 2nd and 3rd year French oak barrels, with the remaining 40% in stainless steel, giving added complexity to the final blend.

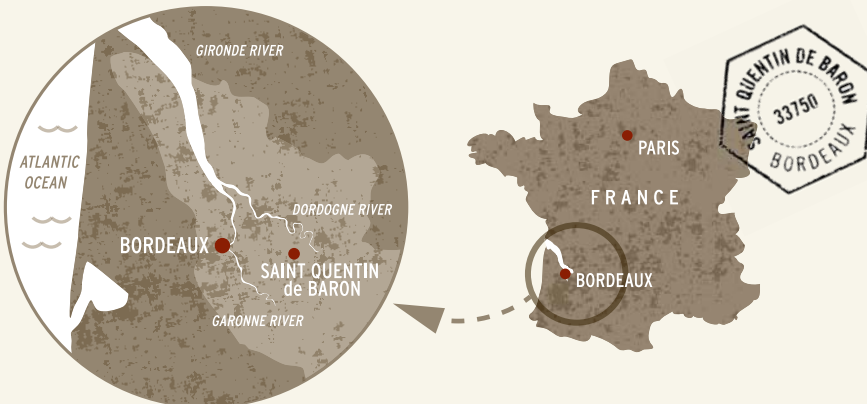
TASTING NOTES:

Pale green gold color with well integrated richness and style and a slight grapefruit lift with tantalizing aromas of honeysuckle, passion fruit and pineapple. There is also just a touch of vanilla on the palate balanced by a very fresh, creamy and aromatic persistency with good acidity and a long dry finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2011 - 88 pts/**Best Buy Wine & Spirits**

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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