

MONBAZILLAC: DOMAINE DE L'ANCIENNE CURE

Style

White, Sweet

Region

Midi

Producer

Christian Roche

Appellation:

Bergerac, due East of Bordeaux on the Dordogne river.

Cépage

80% Sauvignon & 20% Muscadelle.

Tasting Note:

A wonderfully rich, sweet wine which is deep gold in colour and has a complex palate of dried fruits and honey underscored by a zesty acidity.

Serve

Blue Cheese, Foie Gras or fruit puddings.

Cellarage

Best enjoyed within 2 years of vintage.

Vinification

Triage harvested botrytised grapes are late harvested and vinified in stainless steel (although an oaked version is also made). The wine is not fortified artificially, as is the case for Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, and is thus sensitive to vintage variation and grape selection.

History

Often compared with its prestigious (and costly) neighbour Sauternes, the wine came to Robin Yapp's attention after tasting it on three consecutive occasions on one (non-buying!) trip to France. It was the early inspiration for Yapp Brothers entire Midi range. All available stock of the 1990 vintage was secured to ensure continuity. The name loosely translates as the 'estate of the old rectory'.

