

LA FLEUR D'OR



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Vintex
Winery production: 30,000 Bottles
Region: Bordeaux
Country: France

Sauternes 2011

WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine comes to us from famed Bordeaux negociant and Sauternes expert, Bill Blatch. Since 1995, Bill has used his enviable list of contacts in Sauternes to make La Fleur d'Or. He buys top-notch parcels of wine from small lesser known properties as well as some from well-known chateaux. The final blend is always a lively, fresh yet still botrytised wine perfect for no fuss consumption.

The vineyards of the numerous small estates are mostly in Barsac, where the misty morning microclimate encourages the growth of botrytis. The average age of the vines is 35 years, and the soils are predominantly red, ferruginous clay with some gravel.

The botrytis grapes are hand-harvested and the wine is traditionally vinified in small steel vats. The wine is then aged for one year in barrels followed by an additional year in steel vats.

TASTING NOTES

La Fleur d'Or Sauternes has an elegant yellow appearance with aromas of candied apricot, peach, mango along side toasty hints. The palate has a vivacious attack with a remarkable balance between freshness and botrytis.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Soil composition: Red, Ferruginous Clay
Bottles produced of this wine: 30,000

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 90% Sémillon, 10% Sauvignon Blanc
Fermentation container: Stainless steel tanks
Age of aging container: Barrels and Tanks
Type of oak: French
Length of aging before bottling: 1 year in wood, 1 year in steel

