

Charmes de Kirwan, the second wine of the estate, was introduced in 1993 and has its integral place in the vineyard.

The younger sibling of the wines of Château Kirwan, which consists into 4 traditional grape - cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot - benefits from the same technical attention in both, vineyard and fermentation room: vineyard selection, double sorting upon receipt of the crop in the winery, filling of the concrete vats by gravity, gentle vinification process.

The only difference with Château Kirwan lies in the assemblage; Charmes de Kirwan holds a larger proportion of merlot usually coming from medium body parcels mainly planted on sandy gravelly soil with limited clay. This provides a fruity, sweet, supple and round character to the wine. With an aging process in vats and in barrels this wine can be drunk young, with a 10-year precocious maturity peak.

Appellation: Margaux, 2nd label of Château Kirwan

Soil: Fine gravelly sandy soil with limited clay

Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon • Merlot

Cabernet Franc • Petit Verdot

Sorting: Harvest by hand in small crates, and double

sorting in the winery on a vibrating table

Vinification: In concrete thermoregulated tulip-shape tanks

with temperature control,

Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation simultaneously to optimize freshness and

aromatic purity

Aging: In oak barrels and in tanks

Environmental Sustainable development, preservation of approach: biodiversity, natural treatments favored





TASTING

Vintage 2021: (tasted by Philippe Delfaut, September 2024)

This Charmes de Kirwan 2021 has a beautiful ruby/cherry colour. The nose is initially dominated by ripe cherries, evolving towards notes of marzipan and liquorice.

The attack on the palate is supple and open, enlivened by a lovely acidity that encourages aromatic expression. The high proportion of Petit Verdot (19%) adds tension and length to the wine. This is a crisp, easily digestible and highly aromatic wine. It can therefore be quickly enjoyed in all circumstances.

Blend

■ 42% Merlot ■ 25% Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 19% Petit Verdot ■ 14% Cabernet Franc 16-month aging in concrete tulip-shape tanks (50%) and one-year used oak barrels (50%)

91 points James SUCKLING

