

CHARMES DE KIRWAN

Charmes de Kirwan, the second estate wine, was introduced in 1993. The younger sibling of the wines of Château Kirwan, Charmes de Kirwan generally comes from the harvest of the vineyard's younger vines, but it receives the same attention as the great growth.

Appellation : Margaux, 2nd label of Château Kirwan

Soil: Fine gravel partially clayey

Sorting: By hand, both on the vines and in the winery on a vibrating sorting table

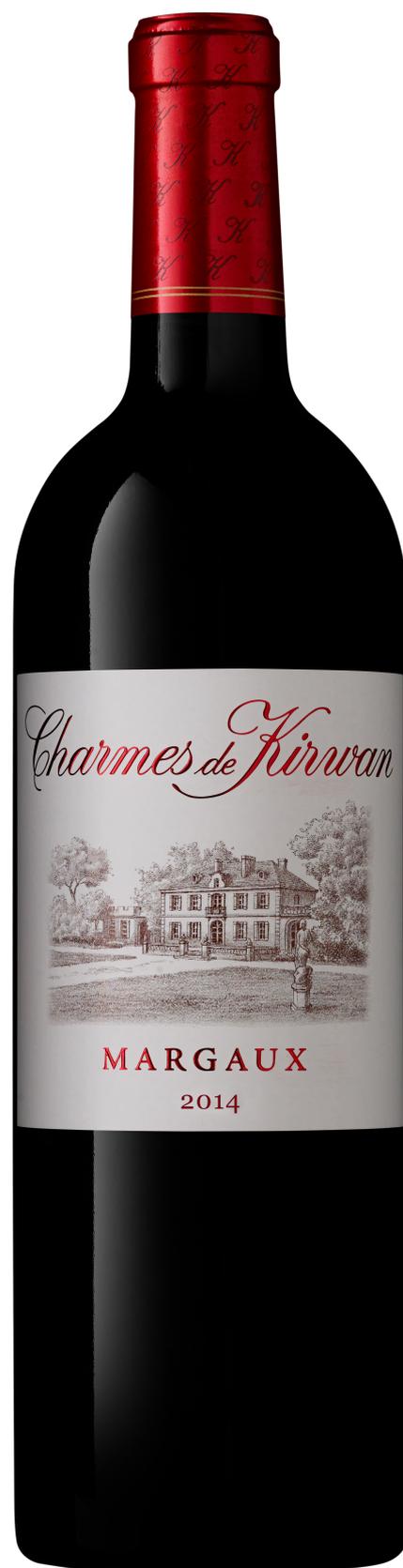
Grapes: 43 % Cabernet Sauvignon
40 % Merlot
10 % Cabernet Franc
7 % Petit Verdot

Vinification: In concrete tulip tanks with temperature control

Ageing: 16 months in oak barrels from the France's Allier, 15 % are new barrels

Serving condition: Room temperature (18°)

Tasting notes in the following pages



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TASTING

Vintage 2015 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut September 2017)

Bottled after maturing for 18 months, it already bodes quite well. Its hue is a rich deep red with violet highlights, typical of young wines from great vintages. An intense nose blends notes of cherry and blackberry with subtle hints of chocolate. It is ample and unctuous in the mouth, with a distinct fleshy character. Understated tannins prolong the tasting experience while lending softness to the wine. Thanks to its mature aromas and velvety texture, this wine is already ripe for tasting, although its concentration ensures that it will age well for many years to come. See for yourself

Blend ■ 41% Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 46% Merlot ■ 7% Cabernet Franc ■ 6% Petit Verdot

Vintage 2014 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut July 2016)

A deep ruby colour, almost as black as the grapes it comes from such that first impressions are of blackberry, blackcurrant and black cherry. On the palate, this wonderful basket of ripe fruit combines with a delicate oaky note for added complexity. The wine is round, full and fresh in the mouth, supported by a lovely tannic structure that makes for enchanting spicy notes in the finale.

Blend ■ 43% Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 40% Merlot ■ 10% Cabernet Franc ■ 7% Petit Verdot

Vintage 2013 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut Nov 2015)

With its brilliant ruby red color and fresh, fruity nose, Charmes de Kirwan 2013 offers notes of Morello cherry, raspberry and ripe strawberry. The wine displays a soft, slightly mentholated taste, gliding harmoniously over the palate and offering a pleasant sensation of freshness. A delicate Charmes de Kirwan ready to be enjoyed.

Blend ■ 40% Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 38% Merlot ■ 12% Cabernet Franc ■ 10% Petit Verdot

Vintage 2012 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut May 2014)

It displays a brilliant ruby red colour. Its nose offers elegant notes of black and red fruits such as cherry and red and black currant. Delicate woody notes round out the palette of aromas. A fresh and lively quality immediately enchants the taste buds, while quickly giving way to sweeter sensations with a pleasant roundness. Creamy notes add a touch of extra roundness to the wine and the tasting finishes with lovely spice scents. This wine is bountiful, *gourmand*, and will be delicious as of 2015.

Blend ■ 27 % Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 53% Merlot ■ 10 % Cabernet Franc ■ 10% Petit Verdot

2012 ↪ GOLD Medal at BRUXELLES world Wide Challenge

Vintage 2011 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut June 2013)

The robe is a beautiful bright and brilliant red.

The nose delivers an intense, fruity blend of cherry and cassis.

It is supple and fleshy on the palate, surprisingly round for such a young wine. A pleasant sweetness accompanies soft and smooth tannins.

A fine woody, vanilla and spicy note characterizes the finale, rounding out the fruity notes. This is a wonderfully indulgent wine to be enjoyed without delay.

Aged 9 months in oak barrels and 6 and tanks

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↪ A STAR in the Guide Hachette 2015

Vintage 2010 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut july 2012)

This Charmes de Kirwan is remarkable for its roundness and fleshy juice. The nose is incredible fruity, with lovely notes of blackcurrant and blackberry topped off by fine aromas of pepper. This wine shows exquisite freshness that is highlighted by a pleasant acidity that offers a perfect balance to the impression of roundness in the mouth. For the finale, the aromatic palate is complemented by a delicate and barely perceptible woodiness. This wine will offer freshness and indulgence for the next 10 years.

Blend ■ 40 % Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 25% Merlot ■ 23 % Cabernet Franc ■ 12 % Petit Verdot

2010 ➔ **GOLD Medal at BRUXELLES World Wide Challenge**

Vintage 2009 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut november 2011)

A magnificent dark red color with no trace of evolution. The exceptionally ripe black fruit still stands out in the nose: black currant, blackberry, cherry. A few graceful notes of spice appear, such as vanilla and cinnamon.

After a fresh attack, the wine becomes perfectly round, ample and full-bodied as it evolves in the mouth. Fruit dominates, and a barely perceptible woody note rounds out the richness of the aromas.

The finale is long and aromatic. Once again there is the hint of sweet spices, and no tannins disturb this smooth sensuality. This wine is already delightful to taste, even though it will continue to grow finer over the next ten years.

Blend : ■ 34 % Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 53 % Merlot ■ 3 % Cabernet Franc ■ 10 % Petit Verdot

➔ **mentioned in the Guide Hachette 2011**

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