

Chateau d'Argadens 2005

Country France

Region Bordeaux, Bordeaux Superieur

Bordeaux Superieur is an appellation which covers the whole of the Bordeaux region, from Verdon-sur-Mer at the north-western tip of the Medoc to Sainte-Foy, 80 miles (130km) to the east. Rather than being a sub-category of the generic Bordeaux appellation, Bordeaux Superieur is a title in its own right, specifically covering both red and white wines. The reds have a slightly higher alcoholic content than standard Bordeaux, are aged for longer in oak barrels (12 months minimum) and are produced from older vines. The whites are distinguished from standard white Bordeaux by their higher residual sugar levels, which make the wines anything from semi-sweet to liquoreux. Bordeaux Superieur wines are produced from the classic Bordelais grape varieties. The reds are made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Carmener, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot (proportions vary according to vineyard locations), and generally tend to be a little richer and more complex than regular Bordeaux. They also, theoretically, offer better ageing potential, but this can be down to the winemaking. The whites are produced from Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Gris, Semillon and Muscadelle. They also tend to be a little more complex, due to the slightly lower maximum yields dictated by the Superieur production conditions. About a quarter of the vineyard coverage dedicated to AOC Bordeaux wine production is given over to Bordeaux Superieur. It is spread across the region, with a bias towards the areas north of Saint-Emilion and Pomerol where more location-specific

Producer Chateau d'Argadens

A superb 12th century property located on one of the highest points of the rolling 'Entre-Deux-Mers' wine region of Bordeaux, near the town of Langon. The estate covers 45 hectares on clay-limestone soils, allowing good drainage as well as exposure to the sun and cool breezes. The property has recently been restored and revived by the Sichel family, owners of Chateau Palmer and Chateau d'Angludet.

Tasting (Long) A premium quality Petit-Chateaux Claret made from a classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. This gives the wine a good body and structure from the Cabernet and the lovely ripe luscious fruit of the Merlot grape. Aromas of cassis abound on the nose, quickly followed by hints of chocolate and spice. On the palate the elegance is enhanced with plummy fruit flavours and a creamy smooth finish with velvety tannis. Really well made and produced by one of the last of the great family wine producers.

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Serving Suggestion Perfect accompaniment to cottage pie, roast pheasant and other game, as well as mature cheeses.



Type Red

Style Robust

Oaked Style Lightly oaked

Body Style Medium bodied

Alcohol Content (%) 14

Closure Style Cork

Organic / Biodynamic Normal

Grape Varieties Percentage

Merlot 55%

Cabernet Sauvignon 45%



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