

GRAPECAP 1884

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GRAPECAP 1884: THE MEMORY OF TIME, PRESERVED IN CENTURY-OLD SEMILLONS.

The Grapecap 1884 vintage from Château Latour-Martillac is more than just a wine: it's a journey through time, a deep immersion in the living history of Bordeaux. On a 65-acre plot nestled on the clay-limestone slopes on the estate's eastern side, **3,734 vines tell a story that spans generations.**

In 1884, long before the Eiffel Tower rose over Paris or Tower Bridge arched across the Thames, these vines were grafted vines, were among the very first to thrive after the devastating scourge of phylloxera. **This unique mosaic of white grape varieties, led by Semillon (96%)** and complemented by Muscadelle and rarer varieties such as Ugni Blanc, Chasselas, and Melon de Bourgogne, stands as a testament to a period when Bordeaux, like a patient in recovery, was reconnecting with its roots and viticultural identity.

This location, named Grapecap from the Latin Gratum Caput, meaning "precious vine," is a name well-chosen. It was first recorded on estate maps in 1860 under the title "Joualle de Grapecap."

Today, as you walk this plot, you feel the raw emotion of a bygone era, you sense the echo of generations who, for centuries, have cared for these vines, now old and venerable. You marvel at the miracle that allowed them, despite two world wars and countless crises, to withstand the ravages of time, the frost of 1956, and the pressures of modernity. They have endured 140 cycles of the seasons, and they remain here, rooted, to yield each year through their golden fruit, the very essence of time.





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Year after year, captivated by the wine born from these historic vines, the Kressmann family chose to set aside a small number of barrels, as if giving these sentinels of a bygone era a second life.

Each bottle of Grapecap 1884 holds a fragment of history—a living essence infused with flavors and memories, where time has imparted a unique fragrance and singular radiance. This wine moves deeply.

It is tasted as one would listen to the tale of an ancient life—a story told in few words, each carrying a depth of meaning that only those who have truly lived can convey. It is a wine for reflection, an experience to be shared.

This rare wine will be crafted only in the finest white vintages. From the inaugural 2021 vintage, just 717 numbered bottles were produced.







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The 2021 Vintage

"Its youth still holds a certain mystery, with a subtle aromatic expression. A few minutes of aeration reveal delicate aromas of fresh verbena—sensual, soft, and refined.

With a juicy entry on the palate, like ripe golden fruit, the aromatic profile unfolds into a complex array of apricot, layered with almond nuances that evolve toward lightly toasted hazelnut. Its length and density are signatures of its terroir and the legacy of unique, old vines."

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2021

APPELLATION - VIN DE FRANCE

BLEND

96% Semillon 3% Muscadelle 1% Other Varieties

Packaging: OWC1.

