

Copello

THE ULTIMATE RANGE OF HIGH EXPRESSION, TERROIR-DRIVEN WINES



Xavier Copel was born in Cahors in 1968 and became a graduate enologist from the University of Toulouse in 1991.

After having made wine in Cahors and at the Domaine de Chevalier, he settled in Bordeaux in 1992 where he established his trading company.

Throughout the following years, he developed his “négocié-éleveur” and consulting activities in the heart of the greatest terroirs of Bordeaux, the South-West of France and Spain. He worked extensively in these regions and had therefore established privileged contacts with the best growers.

The trust and confidence developed in this period are the essential assets in the creation of his new range of wines.



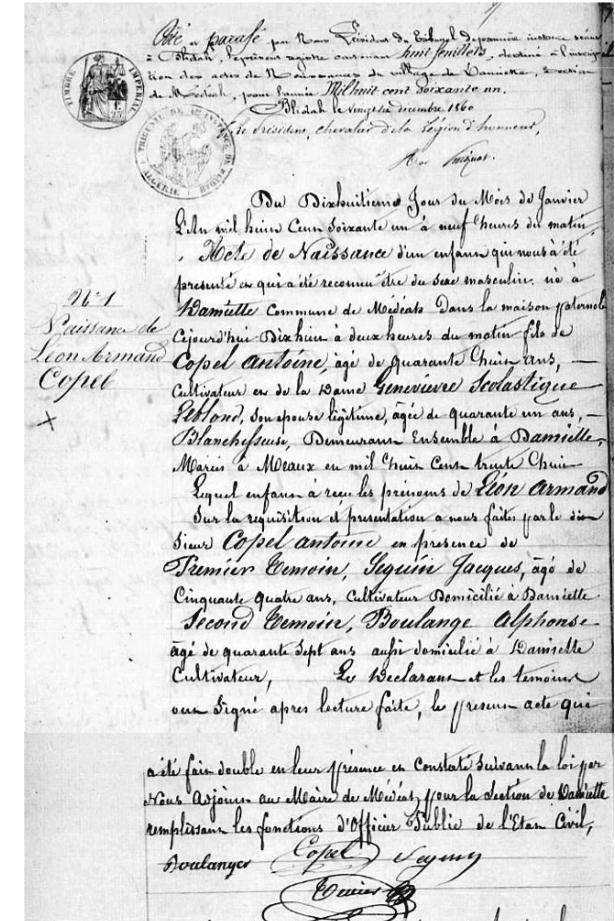
This project is a tribute to his ancestors. To one of them in particular, Antoine Copel, whose signature dresses the labels.

Born in 1812 in Champagne, this Parisian worker took part in the French revolution of 1848. After coup d'état of Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte on 2 December 1851, he was forced to go into exile in Algeria with his family.

The signature is present on the birth certificate of his last son, born in Algeria in 1861. Document found by Xavier COPEL when he created the family tree of his family.

After more than a century of presence in Algeria, the family was again forced into exile in 1962.

It is this legacy and this memory that Xavier COPEL perpetuates by signing these creations.





BORDEAUX  
BLANC SEC



SAINT-ÉMILION  
GRAND CRU



POMEROL



HAUT-MÉDOC



PAUILLAC



SAUTERNES



MALBEC



CAHORS



RIOJA



RIBERA

Philosophy :

To create a unique long-term partnership with a single grower per appellation possessing a particularly well-sited vineyard.

To work from one year to the next with the same selected parcel, planted with the native varieties of the region, or with those that best express the full potential of the terroir on which they are planted.

To share with the grower all means available, technical and financial, as well as experience and "talent" so as to produce the very best wine possible.

The result is wines "haute-couture", complex, elegant, luxuriously aged and presented.

With passion and rigor, Xavier Copel continues to offer the ultimate range of high expression, terroir-driven wines.



GRAND VIN BLANC SEC  
BORDEAUX

2017

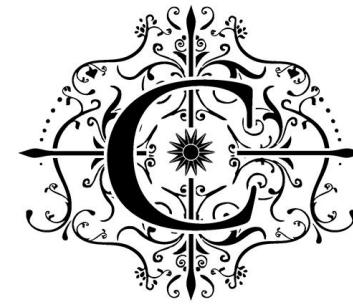
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SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

2016

N° 1371 sur 1800



SAUTERNES

2016

N° 106 sur 600

The COPEL range features all kind of wines (red, rosé, dry white, dessert wine), and Armagnac.

Moreover, some of them are organic.

**All bottles are numbered and signed.**



## BORDEAUX BLANC SEC

### WHITE DRY BORDEAUX

The white BORDEAUX is the fruit of a slightly crazy desire to make a dry wine from Sémillon grapes affected by noble rot.

The wine comes from strictly selected plot (more than 60 years old vines) situated on a remarkable soil of clay-limestone in the Sauternes geographic area.

Average age of the vines : 65 years

Manual harvesting

Fermented and aged in new French oak barrels

**Vintage 2019**

100% Sémillon

Production : 1200 numbered bottles

*Golden yellow colour. The nose offers all the attributes of a real dry Sauternes with aromas of candied apricot, fresh pineapple, and citrus fruits. A touch of pastry underlines the whole. The mouth is dense, creamy, very aromatic and offers a*

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## MALBEC (RED LIGHT)

This original wine is a light red, made from the cut of the red Cahors of the same range. The vines are located on the remarkable soils of ancient gravel and clay-limestone of the Lot Valley.

Biodynamic viticulture. Ecocert certification.

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Manual harvesting

Fermented and aged without sulphur in new French oak barrels

Vintage 2019

100% Malbec

Production : 650 numbered bottles

*The wine has a beautiful red colour. The nose offers some aromas of red and black berries, pomegranate and flowers. Like red and unlike traditional rosés, the malolactic fermentation was carried out in barrels. The mouth is sweet, smooth, sip of red fruits. It is a unique cuvée and atypical, a great sweetness.*

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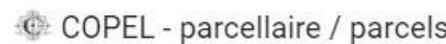
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## CAHORS

The Cahors is the product of the perfect marriage of Malbec with the Lot Valley's remarkable ancient gravel and stony clay-limestone soils .

Organic viticulture. Ecocert certification.

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Manual harvesting

Fermentation in Oak Foudre

Ageing in new French oak barrels

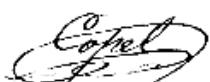
Vintage 2017

100% Malbec

Production : 1300 numbered bottles

Purple colour.

*The nose offers an explosive bouquet of kirsch, blueberry and pomegranate and old roses. The mouth is delicate, deliciously fruity. The tannins are sweet and melting, it is velvet. An exceptional finesse..*



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## PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Adjacent to those of the Domaine de Chevalier, the parcels are located on a soil of fine gravel mixed with black sand, on a clay-gravel subsoil.

Average age of the vines : 15 years

Manual harvesting

Planting density at 8.500 feet/hectares

Fermentation in opened barrels and concrete tank (30 days)

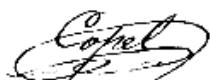
Ageing in new French oak barrels

Vintage 2019

50% Cabernet Sauvignon ; 30% Merlot ; 20% Petit Verdot

Production : 1300 numbered bottles

*Garnet to purple colour. The wine offers a penetrating and complex nose, with aromas of very ripe red fruits, spices, Sichuan pepper, tobacco and floral notes.*



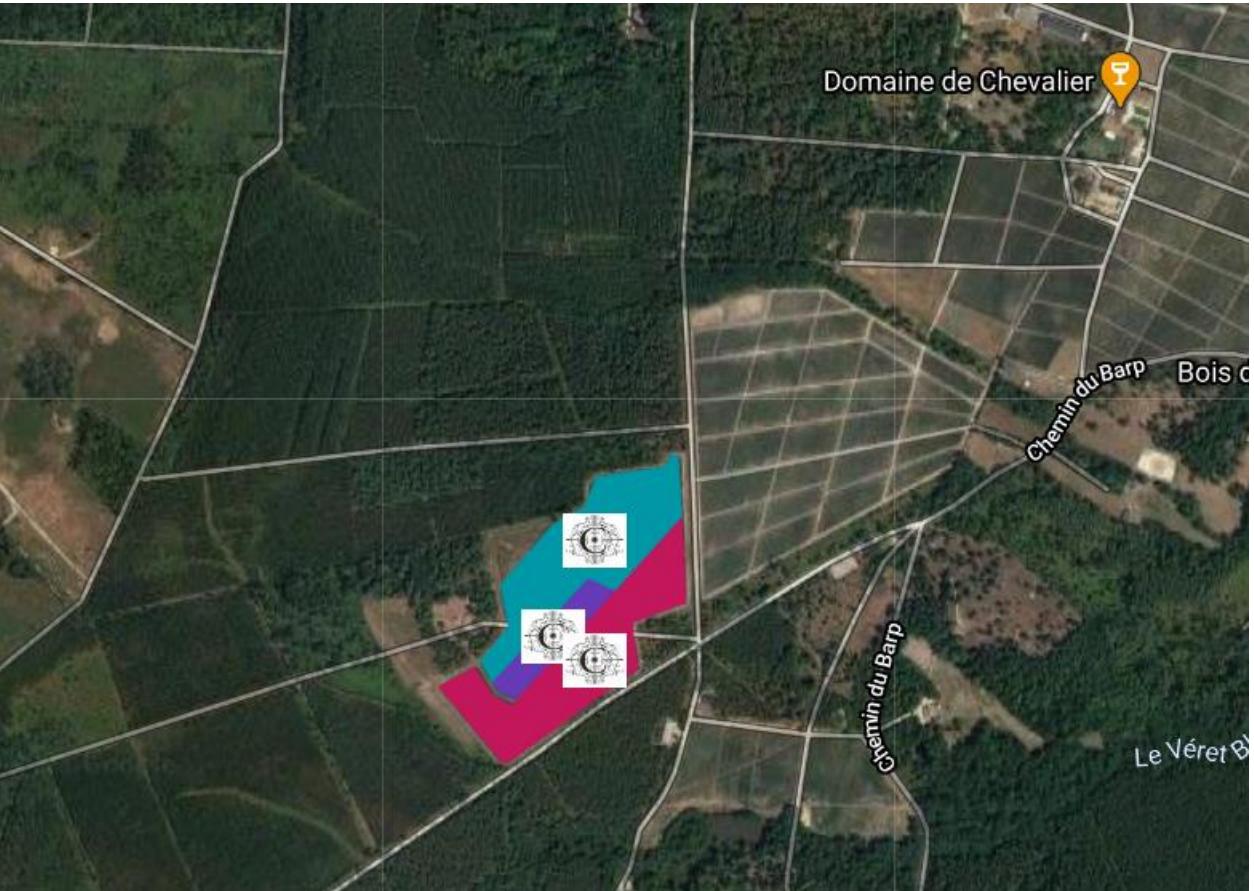
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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PETIT VERDOT

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## PAUILLAC

The parcels of old vines are planted on the Bages plateau, beautiful hilltop made up of deep, particularly poor gravel.

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Manual harvesting

Fermentation in concrete tank

Ageing in new French oak barrels

### Vintage 2018

70% Cabernet Sauvignon ; 25% Merlot ; 5% Cabernet Franc

Production : 1800 numbered bottles

*Purple colour, deep. The nose is luxurious. The aroma of blackcurrent, graphite and spices blend harmoniously. The mouth is full, dense and velvety. The tannins are of great finesse, and the final is splendid. What a terroir!*

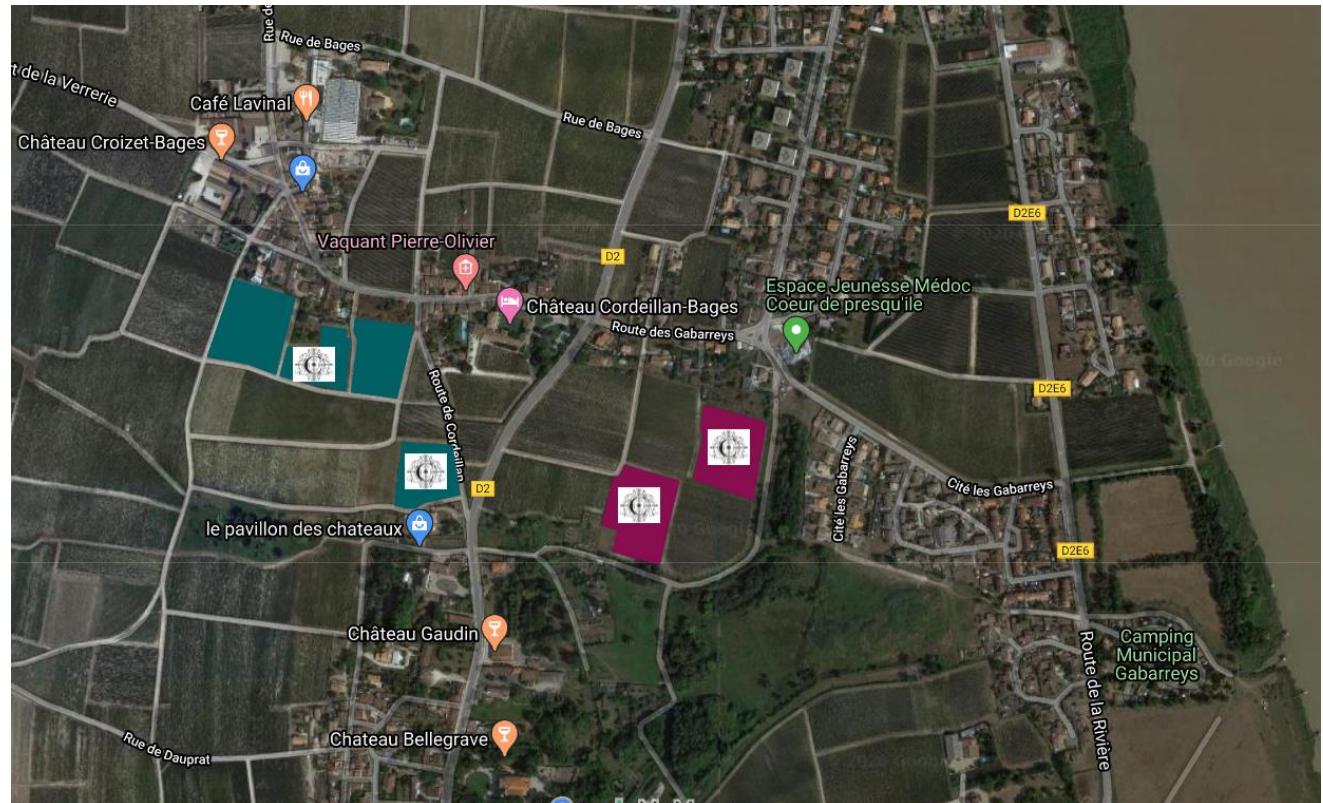
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## SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

The parcels of old vines are planted on the Figeac plateau, place called West Cheval Blanc, hilltop made up of poor gravel on blue clay.

Average age of the vines : 30 years

Manual harvesting

Fermentation in concrete tank (30 days)

Ageing in new French oak barrels

**Vintage 2017**

60% Merlot; 35% Cabernet Sauvignon; 5% Cabernet Franc

Production : 965 numbered bottles

*Garnet to purple color. The wine proposes an expressive nose, of a great complexity. Morello cherries in brandy, plum, black-currant, black truffle, violet...*

*The mouth is soft and draped, the tannins fine and peppery. The final is of a rare elegance.*

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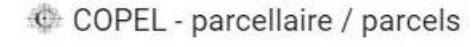
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## POMEROL

The POMEROL comes from a unique parcel of old vines of Merlot located near Gazin, Petrus and L'Evangile, on the Pomerol plateau typical terroir of gravel on blue clay.

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Manual harvesting

Fermentation in concrete tank (30 days)

Ageing in new French oak barrels

Vintage 2019

100% Merlot

Production : 1200 numbered bottles

*Purple colour. Splendid bouquet of strawberry, plum, burlate cherry, mint and violet soup. The mouth, fleshy and sensual, offers a huge fruitiness.*



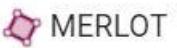
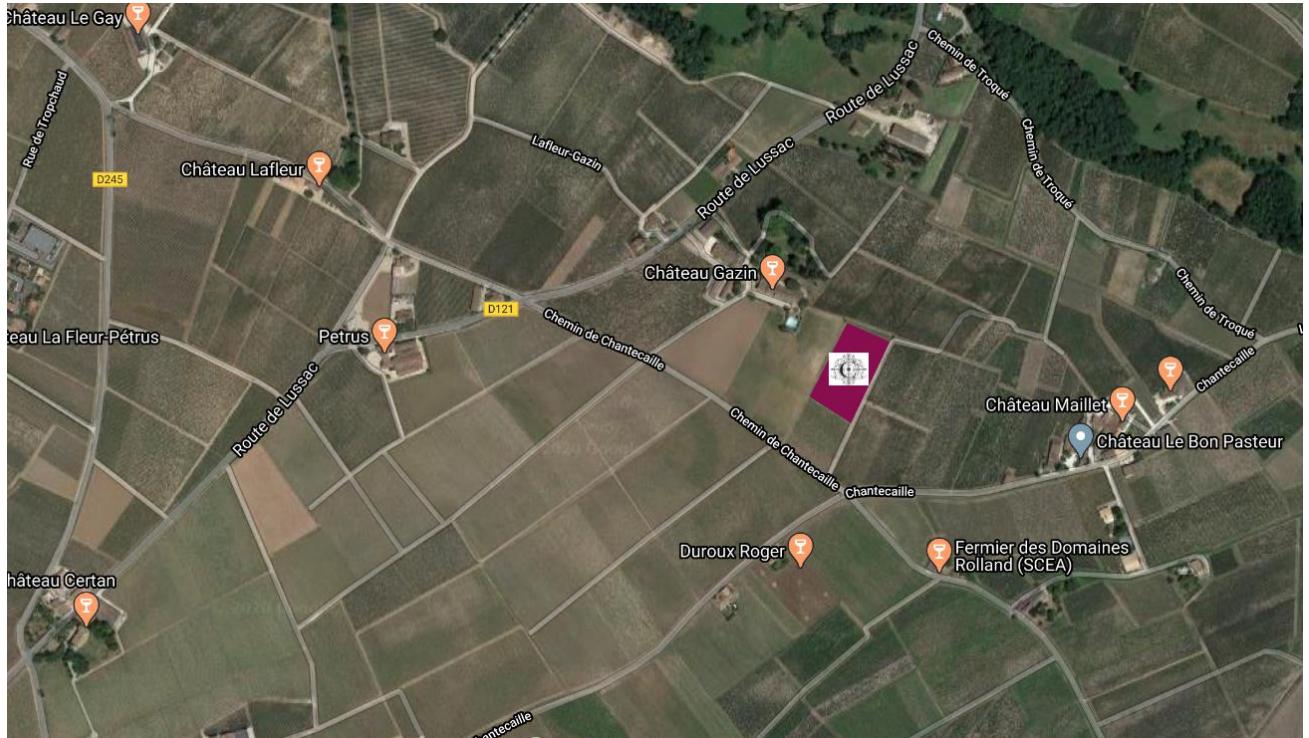
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## RIOJA

The parcel of old vines is planted on one of the Rioja Alavesa greatest terroirs in Elvillar (Laguardia geographic area).

The terraces of the vineyard extend over slopes on the southern flank of the Sierra de Cantabria at an altitude of 577 m.

**Organic viticulture certified.**

Average age of the vines : 40 years

Manual harvesting

Fermentation in stainless steel tank (30 days)

Ageing in new French oak barrels

**Vintage 2019**

75% Tempranillo ; 25% Graciano

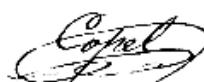
Production : 1200 numbered bottles

*Purple colour.*

*The nose is deep and penetrating with aromas of black cherry, blackberry, violet and pepper.*

*The mouth is fresh, it offers a radiant fruit, peppery tannins, and a floral finale.*

*Irresistible and far from the traditional Rioja style.*



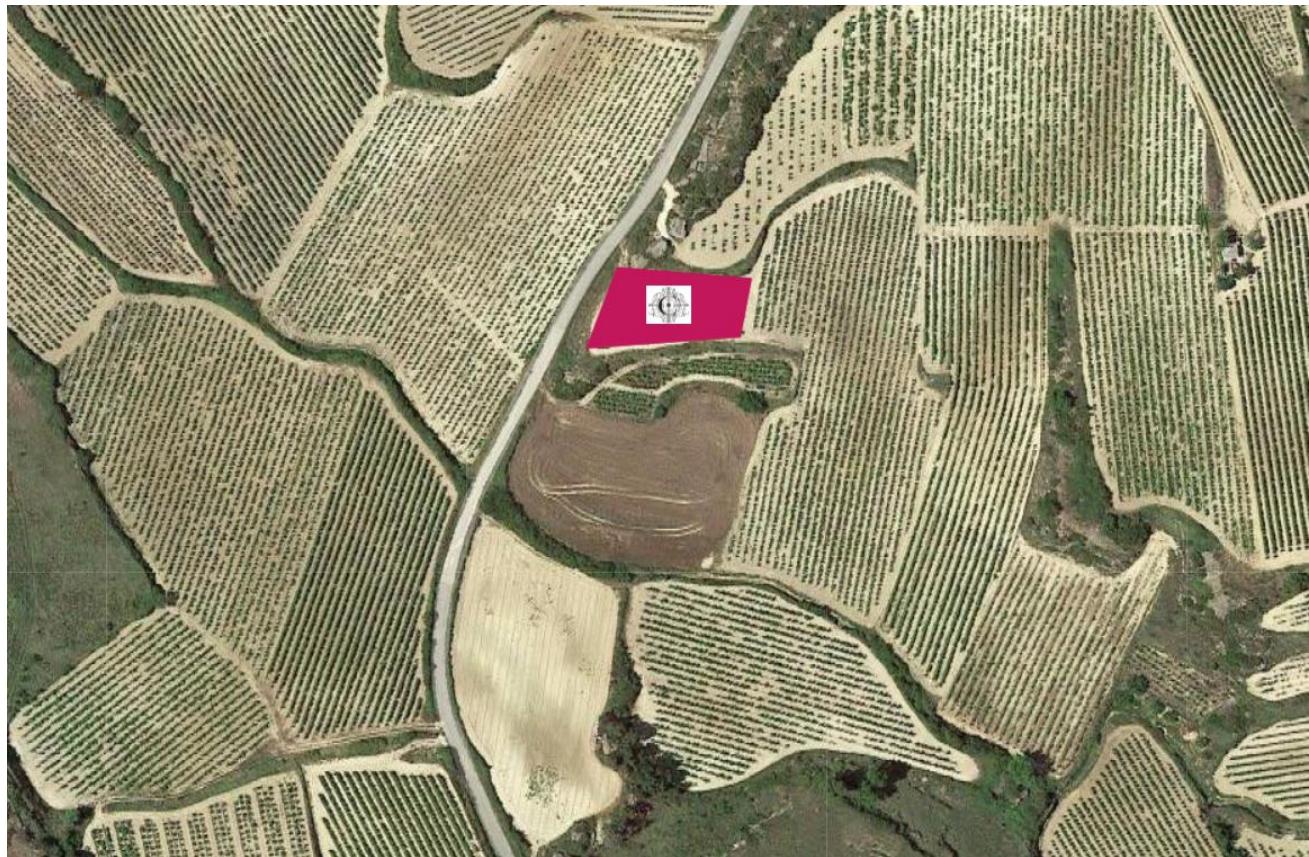
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TEMPRANILLO

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## RIBERA DEL DUERO

The RIBERA DEL DUERO comes from a unique parcel of old vines of Tempranillo planted on a remarkably well-exposed hillside at an altitude of 823 m in La Horra. This splendid terroir is one of the pearls of the appellation .

**Organic viticulture. Not certified.**

Average age of the vines : 60 years

Manual harvesting

Fermentation in stainless steel tank

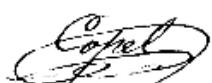
Ageing in new French oak barrels

**Vintage 2017**

100% Tempranillo (Tinto fino)

Production : 1800 numbered bottles

*Purple colour, almost black. The nose offers an explosive bouquet of red fruits: black cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry. The mouth is sensual, dense and velvety. It contains the aromas of the nose for a final magistral.*



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## SAUTERNES

The wine is the product of a superb and rare selection of Semillon, from ones of Sauternes and Barsac greatest terroirs.

Average age of the vines : 70 years

Manual harvest with selection of botrytised grapes

Fermented and aged in new French oak barrels

Vintage 2019

90% Sémillon; 10% Sauvignon

Production : 600 numbered bottles

*Golden yellow colour. The nose is sumptuous with aromas of yellow peach, candied apricot, pineapple and citrus. The mouth is rich, creamy, with a great aromatic purity. The final is endless. The quintessence of Sémillon on its greatest terroir, a moment of meditation.*

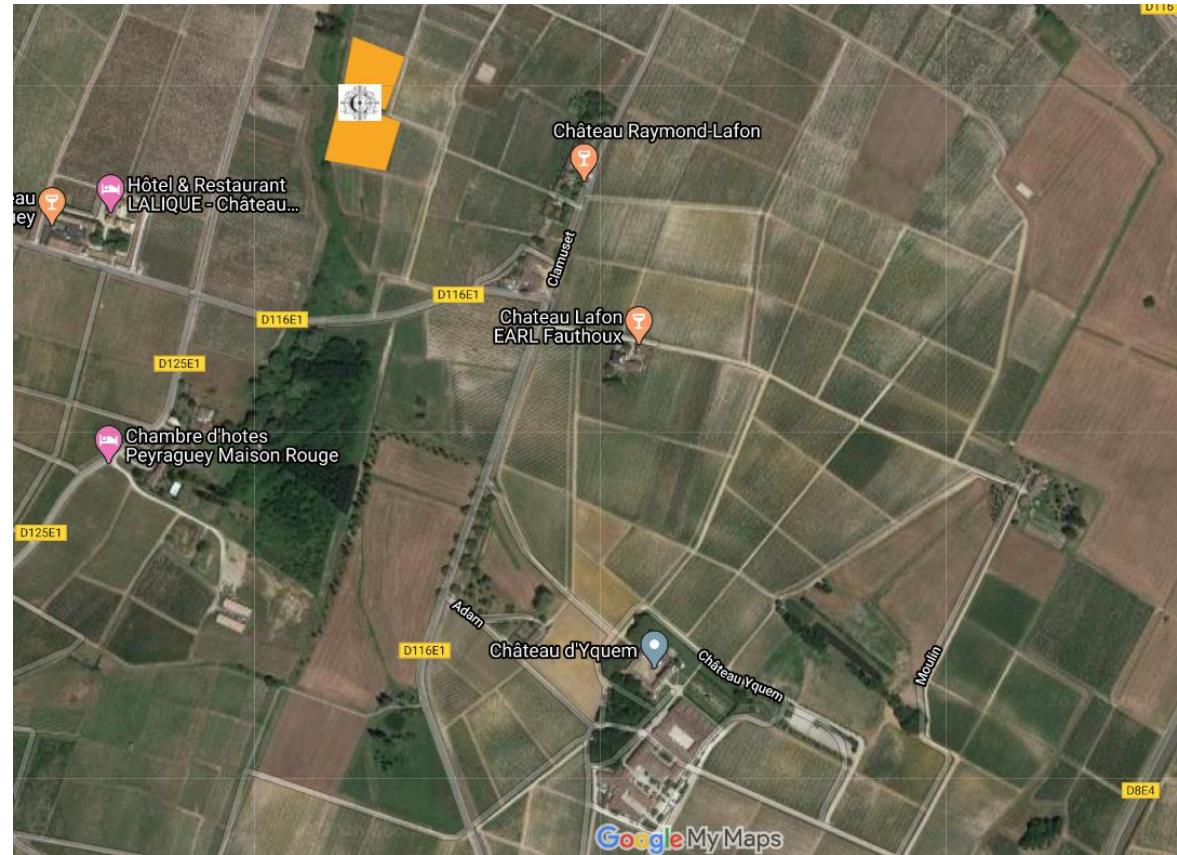
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## BAS-ARMAGNAC

The BAS-ARMAGNAC is the result of a blend of spirits with an average age of 47 years, all from the grape variety Baco .

Average age of the vines: 40 years old

Type of soil: tawny sands

Grape variety: 100% Baco Blanc

Type of distillation: Continue at 52% alc.

Ageing in local oak barrels

**40 ans d'âge** (*bottled in September 2019*)

Production : 100 numbered bottles

Package in individual wooden box

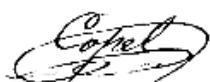
*Splendid orange copper colour.*

*Complex nose, rich and penetrating, candied fruits, citrus peel, Tatin and sweet spices.*

*The patina of time takes this spirit from the white Baco grape to the aromatic of the old Sauternes.*

*The mouth is smooth and creamy, perfectly balanced thanks to the freshness of its aromas and the integration of alcohol. The spirit delivers power and elegance, richness and finesse.*

*When the spirit approaches the spiritual, a beautiful moment of tasting and meditation. Wonderful!*



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BACO BLANC

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## Andreas Larsson, Best sommelier of the world

In preview, his scores and comments on the wines.

500 wines blind tasted, 50 selected, including the 11 cuvées of the Copel range.  
Great success !

### Ribera del Duero 2017 Red

Intense dark purple core and hue. Ripe and unctuous notes of plum, dark cherry, toasted oak, vanilla, liquorice and some meaty notes. The palate is dense and concentrated, nice extraction with plenty of fine tannin, cocoa bean, cassis and tobacco flavours with a very long and supple finish, stylish and fine tuned.

### Sauternes 2016

Deep golden colour. Some oak presence and a hint of toast, high ripeness with glazed apricot, pineapple, honey and white flower. The palate boasts a high concentration and sweetness, yet balanced in an opulent style with fine extract, integrated oak and a long dense finish. Slightly different but really good.

### Pomerol 2016 Bordeaux Red

Dark purple core and more ruby towards the rim. Ripe dark cherry, plum, cassis and violet notes with fine oak and butterscotch. The palate is ample with good density, still youthful but ripe tannin with fine layers and a long unctuous finish.



## Saint Emilion Grand Cru 2016 Bordeaux Red

Dense inky purple core with a lighter rim. Fine oak and mild spiciness on the nose, paired with wild berries and cassis. Good density on the palate still a youthful texture but ripe tannin and fine extraction, layered spiciness and approaching complexity with a long and lingering finish.



## Pauillac 2016 Bordeaux Red

Inky dark purple colour. Layered nose blending ripe dark berries, cassis, fine leather, discreet oak and mild spices. Nice structure, classic medium weight but muscular and flavour intense with both ripe fruit and a fresh backbone, young but ripe tannin and a fine length.



## Pessac Léognan 2018 Bordeaux Red

Dark ruby red colour with a youthful purple hue. Layered nose with fine oak and oak derived aromas of mocha, spice, toast and caramel with ripe dark fruit, cassis and tobacco leaf. Nice palate being concentrated and polished with grainy tannin, fine cocoa bean notes, ripe dark berries, dense, and a long and lingering finish.



## Rioja 2016 Red

Dark inky core with a ruby red hue. Youthful and pure nose with discreet dark fruit, tobacco, aniseed and mild oak notes. Dense palate, rich tannin, still youthful but ripe with an underlying acidity, crushed dark berry flavours, cocoa and mocha notes with a long and dense finish. Ambitious and well-done, still needing some time to soften but a nice effort.



## Bordeaux Dry White 2018

Intense golden colour. Rich and ripe nose with tropical hints displaying mango, ripe citrus and honey. Bold and broad palate with a gentle bitterness, opulent fruit, rounded acidity and a long finish. Very textural with an opulent and lush character far from aromatic Sauvignon style.



## Haut Médoc 2016 Bordeaux Red

Inky dark purple colour. Fragrant nose offering rather red berries, floral notes, fine spices and discreet oak. The palate is rather full but nicely rounded, a more Burgundian texture with good layers, nuance and fine length.



## Vin de France Malbec 2019 (light red)

Dark rosé colour with a cherry hue. Pure and intense nose displaying ripe cherry, red berries, dry spices, almonds and a hint of toasted oak. A rich and ample palate, generous fruitiness, a ripe and rounded acidity, and a spicy and meaty finish. Well-structured, interesting, different and... good.



## Cahors 2017 Sud Ouest Red

Dark colour with a young purple hue. Floral and perfumed nose with violet, crème de cassis, raspberry and mild spices, no noticeable oak notes. A fresh palate with ripe dark fruit, rather supple tannin, youthful and attractive berry flavours and good length.



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**COPEL WINES**

Xavier Copel, œnologue de formation, a créé sa société de négoce en 1992. Une activité de conseil au cœur des grands terroirs de Bordeaux, du Sud-Ouest et d'Espagne, complétée par une activité de négociant éleveur. Pour cette activité il met en place de bons partenariats avec des vignerons, un par appellation, chaque vigneron lui laissant les mains libres sur une parcelle soigneusement sélectionnée, généralement de très bons terroirs, pour pouvoir vinifier à sa guise et éléver dans des barriques choisies avec le plus grand soin. Le résultat est intéressant et probant, surtout pour les rouges : des vins soignés, élégants, charmeurs, dont le seul défaut serait peut-être la faible quantité produite.

Bordeaux 2018   Sec   2019>21   NC	13,5
Cahors 2016   Sec   2019>26   35,40 €	14,5
Haut-Médoc 2016   Sec   2019>28   24 €	16
Pauillac 2016   Sec   2020>28   48 €	16,5
Pomerol 2016   Sec   2020>29   45,50 €	16,5
Saint-Émilion grand cru 2016   Sec   2019>27   40,90 €	14,5
Sauternes 2016   Liquoreux   2019>29   45,50 €	15,5
Vin de France malbec 2018   Sec   2019>20   22 €	14

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**Copel Wines : Xavier Copel, a travelling and creative oenologist !**

*Négociant-éleveur and oenologist, Xavier Copel signs a range of original cuvées, revealing the path of their creator. From Spain to Bordeaux, via Cahors, through Copel Wines, he paid tribute to all the wine regions that have marked his life.*

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