

Château de Millet

just situated outside the town of Eauze in the Gers.

Devoted to mixed farming and the production of Armagnac, the estate today has 50 hectares of vines for the production of Côtes de Gascogne wines « Domaine de Millet ».

The vines enjoy a north westernly position on the green hills of Eauze where the soil alternates between clay limestone and the sandy soils known as 'sables fauves'.

Francis Dèche, the proprietor, who follows in the footsteps of five generations has a policy of quality : traditional grape varieties, vineyard cultivation with respect to the environment and constant development in the methods and means of vinification. With his daughter Laurence, who joined him in 1999, they sell a full and varied range that are just waiting to be discovered !

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At Millet, the land and its relief tells a story of the history of man.

The ruins of a pre-roman oppidum, the currencies and the amphoras discovered near to the vineyard are witnesses of the past.

Before building the town of Elusa in the 1st Century of this era, known today as Eauze, the Elusate people that lived here, learnt how to cultivate vines and appreciate wine from the Romans.

OPPIDUM 2007

50% chardonnay, 50% sauvignon

The vinification

The two grape varieties are vinified separately then blended together and kept in tanks for 6 months. This wine is very original in style with a multitude of nuances that merge to give a **surprising floral and spicy flavour**.

Tasting Notes

-White mid dry wine, light in colour with golden yellow highlights

-Intense and seductive bouquet with a concentration in floral notes, exotic fruits and soft spice.

-Fresh gourmand taste.

This wine expresses itself powerfully, revealing a contrasting complexity that comes from the union of the perfectly balanced Chardonnay and Sauvignon.

A full flavoured finish.

Suggestions

Serve at 10-11°C on its own as an aperitif or with a meal : foie gras or exotic and spicy dishes.

History

In independent ancient Gaul, the Elusates were the Aquitains that lived in the north west of the Gers part of Gascony. Their principal oppidum, probably the largest in Aquitaine was situated very close to the Millet vineyards in a place called Esbérous.

Findings of **Elusate currency** (pictured here a Drachma with horse design) and numerous amphoras originating from Campania, a region in Southern Italy, are evidence of wine trading with the Romans.

These humble people founded a new city, just 3kms to the south of the original oppidum that they called **Elusa** and which became **capital of Novempopulania**, a large province between the Garonne river and the Pyrénées.

Since 1802, the town of **Eauze** still holds the title of **Capital of Armagnac**.

