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Château de Rochemorin belonged to the great philosopher and writer Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, in the 18th century. Among other famous works, he was the author of the "Persian Letters". Montesquieu was a fine ambassador for the red wines of Rochemorin among his friends, acquaintances and the notables he met during his trips throughout Europe, never forgetting to praise the beautiful complexity and mineral characteristics of his wine, so typical of the Graves terroir. Its beautiful aromatic expression, accompanied by a well-balanced and elegant palate make this one of the most reliable wines in the appellation, while remaining very affordable.

Surface : 56.00 ha

Soil :
Deep gravel

Graft stock : 101.14 - Riparia Gloire - 3909
Plant food : Traditional, limited impact
Plant density : 6,500 to 8,500 vines per hectare
Wine average age : 19 years
Grape variety : Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot.
Pruning type : Double guyot with debudding
Grape harvest : By hand or mechanical with an automatic sorting system at reception
Fermentation : In stainless-steel temperature controlled tanks with patented cap-breaking system
Fermentation temperature : 28° to 30°C
Malolactic : Yes
Wine maturing : For 12 months in oak barrels (30-40% new) with racking each trimester.
Wine montage : Eggwhites.
Maturing potential : Subject to vintage, expressive after 3 years, can age 10 to 20 years.
Vintage 2014

Appellation:
Pessac-Léognan

Wine style:
Rich and Powerful

Weather:
Winter and spring were very mild, but the summer of 2014 did not live up to our expectations: it rained heavily in July, and August was much cooler than usual. However, starting in September, a miraculous Indian summer with high temperatures, was very favourable to ripening.

Grape blend:
Merlot 55% / Cabernet Sauvignon 45%

Tasting Comment

Appearance:
This 2014 Château de Rochemorin is a lovely, ruby-red colour, with garnet-red highlights

Nose:
It has an expressive, quite complex bouquet, featuring smoky, toasty nuances, blended with fresh-fruit aromas. This wine is as promising on the palate as it is on the nose.

Mouth:
It has a suave structure, with silky tannins and gives a slight impression of sweetness. The well-integrated oak adds smoky, toasty nuances, highlighting its elegance and fruit. Good length. This attractive, well-balanced wine will be most enjoyable with beef dishes and roast veal.

Consumption period
2019 - 2026

Our suggestions

- White meats
- Game
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Salads
- Red meats
Ratings and reviews

The Wine Spectator: 30.03.2017
Web only - Solid, offering a lightly brambly frame around a core of cassis and plum notes, laced with a lively tobacco streak. There’s a flash of iron on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2020.

James Suckling: 13.02.2017 - Note: 91.00 / 100
Nice ripe cassis flavors, an elegant balance of fruit, moderate tannins and fresh acidity make this easy to enjoy right now, but there’s nothing superficial about this wine. Drink or hold.

Le Point: 21.05.2015
En Primeur 2014 - Bouquet displaying black fruit, plum, and green leaves. Soft and a little jammy on the palate with attractive oak. Altogether delicious. (Jacques Dupont)

eRobertParker.com: 04.05.2015 - Note: from 88.00 to 90.00 / 100
The Château de Rochemorin 2014 offers more fruit intensity on the nose than some of its peers: lifted black cherries and raspberry scents mixed with graphite, just a faint whiff of tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, a good level of acidity but it just dips prematurely at the finish line and feels slightly attenuated at the moment. I suspect that barrel aging will just fill that out somewhat, so I remain cautiously optimistic. (Neal Martin)

Le Figaro: 02.05.2015 - Note: 14.00 / 20
En Primeur 2014 - A light, easy-to-drink, well-balanced wine that can be enjoyed young thanks to its up-front fruitiness. 0-5 years.

Vino: 30.04.2015
En Primeur 2014 - Category: Very good.

Decanter: 13.04.2015 - Note: 88.00 / 100
Fleshy and a little less buttoned up than some of the more austere wines of the appellation, this has generous black cherry fruit from the blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, gourmet and attractive. Drink: 2017-2027. (Jane Anson)

The Wine Patriot: 10.04.2015 - Note: 87.00 / 100
En Primeur 2014 - (Antoon Laurent)