

# Château Prieuré de Blaignan

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## History

The 20-hectare vineyard of Château Prieuré de Blaignan is wholly enclosed within Château Blaignan's. Château Blaignan is a fine estate of 97 hectares (240 acres) in the northern part of the Médoc. It has been planted with vine since the 14<sup>th</sup> century. There is nothing left today of the ancient fortress (seat of the Lords of Blaignan in the Middle-Ages, which gave its name both to the land and to the noble family who owned the manor), except for a few ruins next to the church in the old village of Blaignan.

In 2004, CA Grands Crus, a subsidiary of Groupe Crédit Agricole, acquired Château Blaignan. An improvement plan was put together for the entire estate.

Château Prieuré de Blaignan is made with the same care and energy as the first wine and using a similar blend, the wine is voluptuous, fruity and fresh with soft and delicate tannins.

## Appellation

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## Topography

The high potential of the site lies on 2 limestone mounds that offer different sunshine exposure and drainage opportunities.

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## Surface of the vineyard

23 hectares are exclusively dedicated to the production of Château Prieuré de Blaignan.

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## Soil

The limestone-clay soil lies on a calcareous limestone base, whose sedimentation dates back to the quaternary period.

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## Grape varieties

55 % Cabernet Sauvignon  
45 % Merlot

## *Average age of the vines*

30 years

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## *Farming method*

Parcel management of soil and vineyard.  
Certified sustainable farming.

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## *Average yields*

48 hl/ha

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## *Winemaking*

The new winery was ready for the 2010 harvest and allows tank temperatures for fermentation and maceration to be precisely controlled. It is also equipped for cold-soaking prior to fermentation. Post-fermentary maceration lasts for between 21 and 30 days according to the nature of the harvest.

The wine's progress is checked by regular tastings, with temperatures held between 28°C and 30°C. Maturing will then last for 15 to 17 months, depending on the vintage.

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## *Production*

Around 150 000 bottles

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## *Team*

Managing Director  
*Thierry Budin*

Technical Director  
*Anne Le Naour*

Vineyard Manager  
*Fabien Faget*

Consultant Oenologist  
*Hubert de Bouärd*

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## *Winery and vineyard visits*

Professionals only, by appointment.  
Sales through the Bordeaux négoce.

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