Chateau Margalaine Margaux

France Margaux

Clos Margalaine Margaux

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot





The History

Château Marojallia is a Bordeaux winery belonging to the appellation Margaux, in the commune of Arsac. A "microcuvée", the wine produced has been described as Médoc's first "garage wine".

Composed of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Merlot, of the Grand vin Marojallia there is produced approximately 500 cases per year. With a composition of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon and 36% Merlot, the second wine Clos Margalaine has a typical production of 1,000 cases. Located between châteaux Du Tertre and Monbrison, Marojallia was founded in 1999 when the plots of Roger Rex were sold to Philippe Porcheron, and developed by Muriel Thunevin, wife and partner of Jean-Luc Thunevin, the team behind Saint-Émilion's Château Valandraud.

With Muriel Thunevin responsible for the 1999 and 2000 vintages, Porcheron has made the wine since 2001. Michel Rolland is retained as consultant oenologist.

The unorthodox and "garagiste" methods were met initially with opposition by neighbouring estates in the appellation, which was commented upon by Robert Parker in The Wine Advocate.



The grape

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Tasting Note

Wine Spectator: Already shows a lot of minerality, with a strong pebbly undertow to the blackberry, currant and crushed fig notes. Juicy acidity is buried deeply, with cocoa-dusted flesh covering the finish.

Score: 91-94. —James Molesworth, 2011.

