



Chateau Crabitan – Bellevue AOC Ste-Croix-du-Monts

The vineyards of Sainte- Croix-du-Mont sit on the opposite side of the river Garonne to their illustrious neighbours of Sauternes and Barsac. We have been importing this wine for many years, but without hyperbole, think this is their best vintage yet! Their 22 hectare vineyard has been in the family for many generations.

Planted to limestone and clay soils with mainly southern exposure, these estate vines average 35 years. Grapes are harvested at maximum physiological ripeness in 5–7 passes, strongly selecting for botrytised grapes. 100% Sémillon, Crabitan-Bellevue sees 24–36 months in stainless steel and old oak vats. Every Sauternes fan should try this thrilling dessert Bordeaux!

Brilliant gold in colour with dried peach and apricot scents and hints of citrus; this luscious dessert wine shows considerable focus, with bright palate fruit and an enlivening acidity. Thrilling wine, finishing with clean acidity and great length. The 1985 is still drinking beautifully, so this is genuinely a wine that will cellar well for up to 25 years.

Producer: Chateau Crabitan-Bellevue

Winemaker: Bernard & Nicolas Solane

Country of Origin: France

Region of Origin: Bordeaux

Grapes: 100% Semillon

ABV: 13.0%

Closure Type: cork

