

# CHÂTEAU NAIRAC

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



SAUTERNES OU BARSAC

Owner: Nicole Tari-Heeter



Built at the end of the Ancien Régime by Jean Mollié, a disciple of Victor Louis, Château Nairac is named after a family of Huguenot ship owners who bought the property in 1777. The courtyard is flanked by outbuildings and cellars dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. As for the vineyard, records mention vines having grown here going back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century...

Included among the second growths in the 1855 classification, Nairac was noted as one of the finest wines in the region in the second edition of Cocks & Féret ("Bordeaux and its Wines") in 1868. After a series of crises, the estate was considerably renovated and rejuvenated in the 1970s. Thanks to owner Nicole Tari-Heeter and her three children, Nairac has since regained its former glory. Her son, Nicolas, has managed the estate with rigour and passion since 1993. Nairac is one of the finest wines of Barsac. As rich as the best châteaux in Sauternes, it displays a subtle difference due to its minerality, unique flavour profile, and elegant mouth feel. Everything possible is done to retain vintage character, respect nature, and reflect the terroir. The entire crop has been known to be declassified in vintages when there was no "noble rot".

Very much aware of their role as stewards of this historic estate, each member of the family exemplifies, in their own way, Nairac's motto: *Inséparable d'une culture* ("exemplifying a certain culture").

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Area under vine	17 hectares
Production	0-15,000 bottles
Soil	Grave and sand as well as clay and sand on asteriated limestone bedrock
Grape varieties	90% Sémillon, 6% Sauvignon, 4% Muscadelle
Barrel ageing	18-36 months - New barrels: 10-100%
Second wine	Esquisse de Nairac

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