

# CHÂTEAU OLIVIER

CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES



PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Owner: the Jean-Jacques de Bethmann family



Château Olivier emerges in a vast clearing in the middle of a large estate consisting of forest, meadows, and vines. The chateau's distinctive architecture, ponds, attractive outbuildings, and beautiful natural setting just eleven kilometres from the city of Bordeaux make this an outstanding property.

Olivier is a very ancient seignury, whose history goes back to the early Middle Ages, and it is said that the Black Prince (the eldest son of King Edward III of England) liked to hunt here. The estate has belonged to the de Bethmann family since the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

They have invested heavily in renovating the estate in recent years. A detailed soil survey has revealed new potential for the terroir and led to the same vineyard configuration as in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Six different grape varieties are grown on gravelly soil atop clay-limestone bedrock. These are all picked by hand into small crates and sorted first in the vineyard and again in the cellar.

Château Olivier was classified in 1953 for both its red and white wines.

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Area under vine	60 hectares
Production	Red wine: 120,000 bottles - White wine: 30,000 bottles
Soil	Deep, compact gravel on marl, clay, and limestone from the Miocene epoch
Grape varieties	Red wine: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot White wine: 70% Sauvignon, 28% Sémillon, 2% Muscadelle
Barrel ageing	12 months - New barrels: 35%
Second wine	Le Dauphin d'Olivier - La Seigneurie d'Olivier

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