

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## a) The flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon




Cabernet Sauvignon is a **black grape variety** that gives deeply colour wines that have lot of tannin and acidity as well as strong aromas. Typical flavours include **black fruits (black currant)** often accompanied by **vegetal notes (green pepper, and mint)**. **Oak is frequently used to age Cabernet Sauvignon wines**, softening the tannins and adding oaky flavour. Because of the intense fruit flavours and high levels of tannin and acidity it is a good variety for making wines that age well. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes need a moderate to hot climate to grow.

Cabernet Sauvignon gets everywhere. In every place with sunshine Cabernet Sauvignon can grows. It is massively planted because it can be sell as a wine type as well as a name on the label. Every wine drinker knows Cabernet sauvignon. So if you are producing wine, in unknown country or region, and want to have chance to penetrate the wine market, Cabernet sauvignon is the red grape that will open doors for you.

## b) Premium Cabernet Sauvignon regions

- ◆ **“Bordeaux’s greatest coup was in convincing the rest of the world that great red Bodeaux is pure Cabernet”**. The premium Cabernet Sauvignon region is based around the **Left Bank of the Gironde estuary**. The main appellations fund in this area are: *Médoc, Haut Médoc (including Pauillac and Margaux) and Graves*.

 **Priuré Lichine** is a good example of high quality Cabernet Sauvignon coming from the *Margaux* appellation.



- ◆ **Cabernet Sauvignon is grown world wide**. It is grown in every wine producing country in the world. This important production can be explained by the fact that Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the easier grapes to grow. Indeed, it is less fussy about climate than many varieties and is relatively disease-resistant. It is also famous because no matter where it is planted it will always succeed to produce recognizable Cabernet.

## c) Cabernet sauvignon in blend

Cabernet Sauvignon is often blended with Merlot to soften the tannic characteristics of the Cabernet. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are the most important grape varieties of the Bordeaux blend. They are the two most important grape out of the five allowed in the Bordeaux red production.



### Cabernet Sauvignon Key Facts

Moderate climate:	Black fruit, high acid, high tannin
Hot climate:	Black fruit, medium acid, high tannin
Other flavours:	Oak, bell pepper, cedar