

SAUVIGNON BLANC

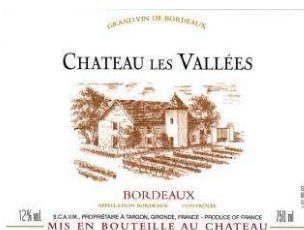
a) Flavours of Sauvignon Blanc

Sauvignon Blanc is an aromatic **white grape variety**. It is a fresh grape variety which usually offers **strong aromas of green fruits (black currant and gooseberry), with vegetal aromas**. Wines are mainly **high in acidity and medium-bodied**. Grape can grow from cool to moderate areas. This variety is typically used for **dry, mostly unoaked** white wine and has to be consumed young. Sauvignon Blanc with its high level of acidity is also suitable for sweet wines (especially Sauterne).

Sauvignon Blanc has no geography and no history before 1973, year when the first Sauvignon Blanc vineyards were planted in the Marlborough region of New Zealand. Within few years they had produced a wine with such surprisingly tongue-tingling pungency, that it revolutionised the world of wine.



b) Premium Sauvignon Blanc regions



◆ **Loire Central Vineyards.** The cool climate results in dry white wine, with high acidity, medium body, with moderate or pronounced vegetal flavours.

◆ **Bordeaux.** Most premium white Bordeaux are a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon (often with Semillon dominating)

🍷 Discover the Bordeaux white through **Château Les Vallées**, a well balanced and rich white wine.

◆ **Sauvignon Blanc is everywhere:** New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Chile, Italy, Hungary, and France. Almost everywhere you look you can find Sauvignon Blanc. If we could think that it is a very adaptable grape, in fact it is not! Sauvignon Blanc is widely planted because growers in new region couldn't think what else to plant. So the quality of Sauvignon Blanc is very different through countries and regions. But the Loire Valley and Bordeaux area in France are places where the Sauvignon seems to be indigenous and reveals its best flavours.



Sauvignon Blanc Key Facts

Cool climate	Pungent vegetal and green fruit, high acid, dry
Moderate climate	Less pungent, stone fruit, medium/high acid, dry
Other flavours	Green fruit, wildflower, mineral