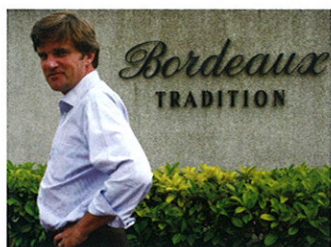




Bordeaux Express Met the Prestigious Bernards in Restaurant 餐厅遇见“骑士”



THE PEOPLE

Frédéric BERNARD, belongs to 2 prestigious family: BERNARD & CRUSE. Those 2 families own some prestigious châteaux such as Domaine de Chevalier, Issan, Guiraud. Frédéric will be the eyes and ears for Epicure, and lead us to a fantastic journey to château and wine events.

Frédéric Bernard, 出身 BERNARD, CRUSE 两大赫赫有名的家族。家族经营葡萄酒业已有二百多年, 拥有包括骑士 (Domaine de Chevalier)、迪仙 (D'Issan)、芝路 (Guiraud) 等在内的酒庄。从本期开始, Frédéric 将为我们带来第一手的美酒资讯和故事。就让我们跟随他的文字, 去感受波尔多这片土地过去、现在或将要发生的点点滴滴吧。

Recently, while dining with friends in a chic restaurant, the waiter recommended the Esprit de Chevalier to go with our raw oysters, crabs and prawns. Unbeknown to him, my older brother, Olivier Bernard, had created this wine. I decided to put it at the top of my wine recommendation list. I believe its excellent taste and affordability have made it a summer hit. After all, when buying wine for one's own consumption, most people will go for the inexpensive second labels.

BOUQUET AND PALATE

One of the best dry whites, the 2000 vintage offers up notes of lanolin, citrus, grapefruit, smoke and minerals, with notions of toasty wood in the background. This medium to full-bodied, deep, concentrated, pure, intense effort is a success for the vintage. It should hit its peak in 5-6 years and will last for two decades.

BEST MATCH

This wine goes best with strong and/or spicy food, like Indian food, for instance. The white is absolutely fantastic with seafood and cheese, such as Camembert, Comtés, Chèvre, Pyrénées...

ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER'S LIFECYCLE

To make vintage white wine, the ripest grapes are picked, then hand sorted. They then undergo slow, direct pressing, without de-stemming and maceration. The grape juice is finally aged for ten months in French oak barrels; only one-third of these are new every year.



夏天, 波尔多的人们最钟爱的季节, 人们总是在户外享受丰盛的食物。晚上我和几位远道而来的朋友约在一家时髦餐厅的花园里见面, 这家餐厅有着海鲜自助和丰富的藏酒。我请侍者从一眼望不到头的葡萄酒单中, 为我们推荐一款白葡萄酒来搭配桌上的生蚝、白蟹和大虾, 当然还有我喜爱的 Chocolate Fudge Brownie Ice Cream。

结果, 他推荐了骑士酒庄的第二线品牌酒“Esprit de Chevalier”。朋友们都轻轻笑了起来, 很明显, 侍者一定是新来的, 他并不知道我的哥哥 Olivier Bernard 就是这款酒的酿造者。记得 1986 年的那段时日, 我们一家人围坐在骑士酒庄的厨房长桌边, 讨论如何酿造这一性价比更高的二线品牌酒。

回头再看看其它桌子上的酒瓶, 至少有一半是 Esprit de Chevalier。它有着不错的橡木味, 奶油、香草及烤面包的气息, 当然, 家族悠久而又富有名望的酿酒史为它加分不少。我相信它的高性价比也是它在夏季如此受欢迎的理由, 毕竟, 自己平日享受还是选用价格较低的二线品牌酒更实惠吧。

虽然已经在家品过了无数次, 但我愿意听从侍者的建议, 点了一瓶与朋友们共享。如此与 Esprit de Chevalier 在餐厅“相遇”让大家都十分开心, 这个小插曲也促使我决定将它作为专栏的第 1 瓶推荐酒品。

听说 Esprit de Chevalier 在城市超市也卖得相当不错, 这真是个鼓舞人心的消息。波尔多没有上海这么热, 但是夏季来一口冰镇的白葡萄酒的美妙何需区分地域? 如果你品尝过了, 有什么想告诉我的, 请写信给《品味道》, 我十分乐意倾听来自城市超市客人们的意见。

今后在本专栏中, 我会继续推荐各种酒品, 而且有机会还要再来讲一讲骑士庄园第一品牌葡萄酒的故事。☑

Esprit de Chevalier 莱斯普瑞特骑士白葡萄酒

- **Vintage:** 2000
- **Type:** Dry White
- **Appellation:** Pessac-Léognan
- **Châteaux:** Domaine de Chevalier
- **Classification:** Grand Cru de Grave
- **Price:** ¥491.00

Learn More about Châteaux

Domaine de Chevalier, 格拉夫产区特级酒庄, 是这一产区同时出产特级红、白葡萄酒的少数酒庄之一。其白葡萄酒久负盛名, 无论第一、还是第二线品牌葡萄酒, 都是无数美酒鉴赏家真正的心头之好。



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