

# MAISON LEGRAND SAUVIGNON BLANC

## 2021/\$11.99



### DESCRIPTION

The Charentais region encompasses the area on the west coast of France, north of the famous Bordeaux wine region. The climate there is maritime, influenced by the presence of the Atlantic, which moderates temperatures throughout the year, leading to milder winters and cooler summers. High sunshine hours and moderate rainfall make for a good environment for viticulture. The vineyards are planted on calcareous clay soils with a high proportion of limestone. These limestone soils retain water effectively, hydrating the vines throughout the growing season.

The soil makes a huge difference to the character of any wine! Indeed it is the subtle differences that soil types bring to wines (plus of course climate, types of grape, the skill of the winemaker and so on) that makes wines so varied and so infinitely interesting. In the Charente-Maritime and Charente the underlying structure of the terrain is sedimentary rock that was laid down many millions of years ago during the Mesozoic Era. This period is also known as the Age of Reptiles, and the Charente in particular is becoming known for its dinosaur fossils. Much of the soil itself is a mix of clay and limestone over a limestone subsoil.

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Maison Legrand is 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes. The type of grapes used in the Charentais region has changed over the years. At one time Charentais wine makers simply grew the white wine grapes that locals had always grown, such as Ugni blanc and Colombard. This is perhaps unsurprising, as these grapes varieties are used to make the region's most famous drink, cognac. Yet the recent trend in this area is towards what might be described as more

aromatic grapes types such as Chenin, Chardonnay and Sauvignon. Since the mid-1980s the Charentais winegrowers have also completed their range of wine offering by adding red and rose to their repertoire. This has involved using grape varieties such as Merlot, Gamay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet-Franc and Cabernet-Sauvignon.

## Tasting Notes

### Nose:

Bright appearance, with present, full aromas of floral, citrus and pineapple.

### Palate:

A light-bodied, dry white with crisp citrus and pineapple flavors. The finish is subtle and layered. An overall great Sauvignon Blanc from France.

### Pairing:

This wine accompanies pork, shellfish, poultry, vegetarian dishes, lean fish and makes a good appetitif.

**Winery Website:** [Maison Legrand - Sauvignon Blanc 2021](#) | [Monsieur Touton Selection \(mtouton.com\)](#)

## Charentais I.G.P., Sud-Ouest, France

