

<u>1855 CLASSIFICATION:</u> SAUTERNES AND BARSAC

The 1855 Classification of Sauternes and Barsac was drawn up at the same time as the most famous 'Bordeaux Classification' (Medoc & Graves 1855). The two were presented together at the Exposition Universelle de Paris of that year, at the request of Napoleon III. Twenty-siz of the finest sweet white wines from Sauternes and Barsac were classified and ranked according to their market value. Initially there were just two divisions (Premier Cru and Second Cru), but Chateau d'Yquem rated so highly that it was granted it's own individual rank, 'Premier Cru Superieur'.

GREAT FIRST GROWTH / Grand Premier Cru:

Château d'Yquem Sauternes

FIRST GROWTHS / Premières Crus:

Château La Tour Blanche Bommes (Sauternes) Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey Bommes (Sauternes) Clos Haut-Peyraguey Bommes (Sauternes) Château de Rayne Vigneau Bommes (Sauternes) Château Suduiraut Preignac (Sauternes) Château Coutet Barsac Château Climens Barsac Château Guiraud Sauternes Château Rieussec Fargues (Sauternes) Château Rabaud-Promis Bommes (Sauternes) Château Sigalas Rabaud Bommes (Sauternes)

SECOND GROWTHS / Deuxièmes Crus:

Château Myrat Barsac Château Doisy Daëne Barsac Château Doisy-Dubroca Barsac Château Doisy-Védrines Barsac Château d'Arche Sauternes Château Gauternes Château Broustet Barsac Château Nairac Barsac Château Caillou Barsac Château Caillou Barsac Château Suau Barsac Château de Malle Preignac (Sauternes) Château Romer Fargues (Sauternes) Château Lamothe Sauternes