

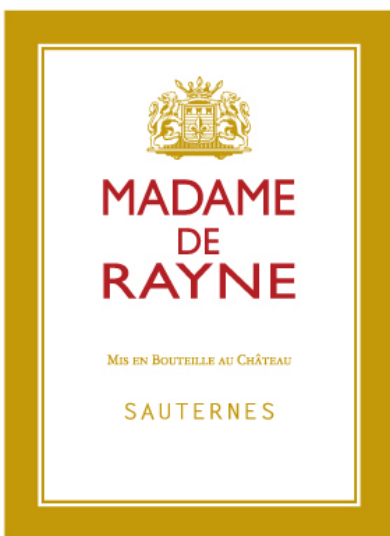
Madame de Rayne

Second wine of Château de Rayne Vigneau, Sauternes

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Vintage 2010



Appellation

Sauternes

Terroirs

The soil of these vineyards, mainly gravel and sand with clay subsoil, are surprisingly rich in agates, amethysts, onyx, and even sapphires.

Surface of the vineyard

84 ha

Planting density

6 666 Vines / ha

Average Age of the vines

31 years

Farming method

Parcel management of soil and vineyard.
Certified sustainable farming.



1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

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Climatic Conditions

A great vintage for Sauternes. The weather pattern included considerable night/day thermal variations through the summer, and periods of drought as from July. Botrytis struck in 2 waves, causing 3 to 4 pickings according to the plots and resulting in complex flavours.

Ripening phases

Flowering: around 4th June
Véraison (change of colour in berries): around 13th August

Harvest

Sauvignon Blanc - from 29th September to 23rd October
Sémillon - from 1st October to 2nd November

Yields

25,72 hl / ha

Winemaking

The grapes are slowly attacked by botrytis cinerea, or "noble rot", towards the end of the growing season. They are then harvested in several waves, and picked only when perfectly ripe and botrytised. Depending on the vintage, pickers may need to go through the vineyard from 4 to 8 times.

Production

89000 bottles

The blend

80% Sémillon - 20% Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting notes

Lovely appearance with yellowy hints. The nose, refine and elegant, is an harmonious mixture of marzipan and acacia flower and then opens on fresh apricot. The palate is fresh and delicate, showing a lovely acidity, with quince paste, marmalade and apricot. Perfectly balanced, the length is long.



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