



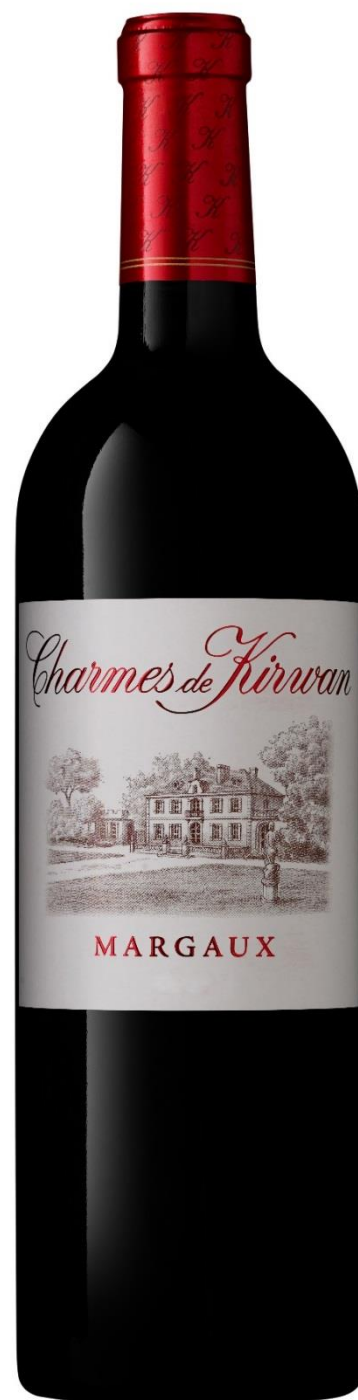
Charmes de Kirwan

Charmes de Kirwan, the second wine of the estate, was introduced in 1993 and has its integral place in the vineyard.

The younger sibling of the wines of Château Kirwan, which consists into 4 traditional grape - cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot - benefits from the same technical attention in both, vineyard and fermentation room: vineyard selection, double sorting upon receipt of the crop in the winery, filling of the concrete vats by gravity, gentle vinification process.

The only difference with Château Kirwan lies in the assemblage; Charmes de Kirwan holds a larger proportion of merlot usually coming from medium body parcels mainly planted on sandy gravelly soil with limited clay. This provides a fruity, sweet, supple and round character to the wine. With an aging process in vats and in barrels this wine can be drunk young, with a 10-year precocious maturity peak.

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| Appellation: | Margaux, 2 nd label of Château Kirwan |
| Soil: | Fine gravelly sandy soil with limited clay |
| Grape varieties: | Cabernet Sauvignon • Merlot Cabernet Franc • Petit Verdot |
| Sorting: | Harvest by hand in small crates, and double sorting in the winery on a vibrating table |
| Vinification: | In concrete thermoregulated tulip-shape tanks with temperature control, Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation simultaneously to optimize freshness and aromatic purity |
| Aging: | In oak barrels and in tanks |
| Environmental approach: | Sustainable development, preservation of biodiversity, natural treatments favored |



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TASTING

Vintage 2017 : (tasted by Philippe Delfaut, October 2019)

The lovely garnet red color shows that the wine is still young, with no sign of maturity. The nose is complex, a mix of ripe fruit with fine woody and vanilla notes. With a fresh and gentle attack, the palate is round, ample and juicy and displays some quite ripe red and black berries, complimented by pepper hints; subtle and fine-grained tannins creating round length. The most eager enthusiasts can enjoy this wine today, but keep in mind that it will improve for the next decade.

Blend ■ 28% Cabernet Sauvignon ■ 57% Merlot ■ 10% Cabernet Franc ■ 5% Petit Verdot
16-month aging in concrete tulip-shape tanks/barrels with 20% new oak

91 pts James SUCKLING

