



May 2014

# Château Gazin Rocquencourt White 2011

## Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)

### Vintage

A winemaker's vintage in which dry conditions and early growth were the key factors.

After a mild, wet winter, the spring was exceptionally dry until 15 July when welcome rain (50 mm) refreshed the vines. This year again the sustainable viticulture approach (full ploughing, no herbicides or insecticides) practised at the estate for more than ten years, enabled the vines to survive the water stress without any major damage.

The bud-break at the end of March and steady growth of the vines resulted in a superb flowering in mid May. To cope with the dry period at the end of the spring, leaves were removed on a parsimonious basis, and the early, substantial thinning was adapted to the root development of each vine in order to enable the grapes to continue to develop appropriately. The end of véraison, when the grapes turn colour, was around 10 August.

Canopy management operations, carried out in mid August, enabled the ripening of the red grapes to be regulated and refined.

The harvests were fairly early, and took place over a short, compact period in good conditions, with healthy, perfectly ripe grapes. The white grapes were harvested in numerous successive pickings from 23 August to 12 September, and the reds from 13 to 27 September.

### Harvest period

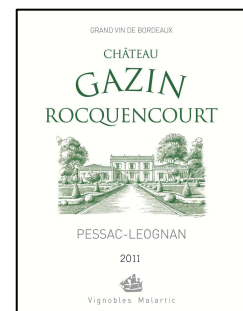
Sauvignon From 23 august to 7 september 2011

### Blend

Sauvignon 100%

### Technical data

Area in white (A.O.C.)	2,5 hectares
Grape varieties	100% Sauvignon
Geology	Clay lenses with deep gravel subsoil
Average age of vines	5 years
Pruning method	Guyot double
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / hectare
Average yield	20 hl/ha
Harvest	Manual
Vinification	Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels - 20-22°C
Ageing	On lees in traditional oak barrels: 35% new oak
Ageing period	12 months
Degrees	13.5% vol
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis



### Tasting

Pleasant, very aromatic nose, with citrus, white fruit, and smoky notes. After a fine attack, the palate develops volume, richness and well-defined flavors. A superb wine with a tight, complex structure, and great potential for laying down.





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### ***Press Release***

**Guide de la Revue du Vin de France 2013**  
**15**

**Robert Parker - erobert parker.com - April 2012**  
**90 - 92**

**Steven Spurrier - Decanter - April 2012**  
**16+ \*\*\*** *Citrusy summer white fruits, good length and classy finish. Very well made. Drink 2013-2016.*

**James Suckling - JamesSuckling.com - April 2012**  
**90 - 91**

**Rolf Bichsel - Vinum - June 2012**  
**14.5** *Hat Rasse und Frische, saftig, bekömmlich, mit krautig-fruchtig-mineralischem Finale. Erfreulich. 2015 bis 2020*

**Abi Dhur - VINO - Juin - Juillet - Août 2011**  
**\*\*\* Cité dans les excellents crus.**