

# 2021 VINTAGE

## "1" Vintage

2021 is atypical, following the pattern of "1" vintages.

The climatic conditions were totally extraordinary, with a very challenging and highly stressful growing season leading up to the late harvest. Coming out of winter, conditions were calm and mild with budburst occurring between 24th March and 1st April across all of our plots.

We had to endure 9 nights of frost between 28th March and 19th April, and this impacted our yields – in addition to the unusually long flowering period which lasted all through June due to an unusually wet spring.

Very warm temperatures combined with relatively high rainfall created almost ‘tropical’ conditions, leading to wild vegetative growth. This required us to employ significant manpower and intervene quickly to keep our trellis in optimal condition. By doing so, we were able to control the ripening of our grapes by pushing back the harvest, overcoming some rainy spells between the 18th and 29th September in the process. There was constant pressure and suspense right up until the last moment, meaning that I certainly won’t forget the birth of this unique vintage.

Fieuzal white 2021 has all the characteristic aromas of very fine, pure Sauvignon. After a few months of ageing, we find notes of white flowers, freshly cut herbs and a very intense, dense gunflint touch.

The wine is bright and perfectly pure in colour. The palate has a precision and length rarely observed since my first vintage in 2007.

The 65% of Sauvignon offers structure to the blend; it is the backbone of our wine. The 35% of Semillon softens and counterbalances the lively, tense character of the Sauvignon.

We have tried to preserve the precision of this vintage while integrating enough Semillon to give the wine a ‘patina’ and enable it to age alongside the finest vintages of Château de Fieuzal.

The Sauvignons were harvested between the 1st and 8th September and the Semillons between the 8th and 13th September.

*Stephen Carrier, Winemaker*

### *Owners*

Brenda & Lochlann Quinn

### *Director*

Daragh Quinn

### *Consultant*

Thomas Duclos

### *Blend*

65% Sauvignon, 35% Sémillon



**FIEUZAL**  
Grand Cru Classé de Graves