

## <u>Château le Raz</u> Socius white



Château Le Raz belongs to Barde family since 1958 and is located in the village of Saint Méard de Gurçon in Périgord. The vineyard stretches over 65 hectares and sits on clay-limestone hillsides and high sand-clay plateaus with iron bearing subsoil. 30 hectares are dedicated to white grapes (Sauvignon, Sémillon and Muscadelle). 35 hectares are dedicated to red grapes like: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. The two-floor gravity fed cellar allows production of elegant wines, with aromas delicacy.

SOCIUS is an IGP Périgord wine, South West of France in the region called Dordogne. They earned the appellation This is a reward of efforts winemakers have been doing to increase quality of their wines and to put forward their tradition and terroir. Therefore 2009 the IGP appellation was granted to the region.



- GRAPES: Sauvignon 60%, Semillon 40%
- AGE OF THE VINES AND SOIL: Clay limestone soil. Young vines of 4 to 8 years.
- <u>METHOD OF CULTIVATION</u>: The vines share the soil with grass growing between lines of vines to slow down their vigorous growth and are defoliated on the side the sun rises.
- <u>WINE-MAKING:</u> Mechanical harvests. After being sorted and de-stemmed, the grapes macerate with the skin for 15 to 20 hours. The juice is pressed pneumatically and starts to ferment under temperature control. After the fermentation, the wine is aged in vat, on lees for some weeks and stabilized before bottling.
- <u>CARACTERISTICS</u>: A slightly mineral nose opens on fruits flavors like grapefruit and pear. A great finesse in the mouth well balanced with freshness. A wine to drink young as an aperitif.