



## NATURAL WINE

Château Guiraud is the only First Classified Growth of the 1855 classification to become certified in organic farming.

The estate has banished weed killers and chemical insecticides for several years now and is renowned for its implementation of organic wine growing practices, which stems from a real objec-

tive – preserving the natural balance of the ecosystem. This has involved re-planting hedgerows to help natural pest control, building insect shelters, nest boxes, a white grape variety vine depository, a natural wastewater treatment plant and supporting vine biodiversity....

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## PORTRAITS D'ACTEURS



► Xavier Planty

Xavier Planty was born on the 30th March 1955 in Bordeaux, and has always been a passionate lover of both Nature and wine.

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# XAVIER PLANTY

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After completing his studies in biology (Masters in Psychology and Plant Genetics) and obtaining a National Diploma in Oenology, he began working in the Bordeaux wine trade. In 1982, he worked at a First Classified Grand Cru estate in Saint-Emilion before joining the team at Château Guiraud, the 1st Classified Grand Cru (of 1855) in Sauternes, where he became manager in 1986. Rapidly, he initiated some serious thinking about a global approach to environmentally friendly practices at the estate, which he continues to encourage today. Xavier Planty is also co-owner, with his wife Aude, of Château du Carpia, located in Castillon de Castets and which is also an organically

Classified since 1855 as a First Grand Cru, Château Guiraud is the oldest estate in Sauternes. The property dates back to the fifteenth century.

It is also one of the largest, with its 100 hectare vineyard, the whole of which is located in the district of Sauternes.

Château Guiraud was purchased by 4 wine-loving friends in 2006 : Robert Peugeot, Xavier Planty, Olivier Bernard (director of Domaine de Chevalier) and Stephan von Neipperg, who owns Château Canon La Gafelière in Saint-Emilion.

