



## Chambord

Vintage oak





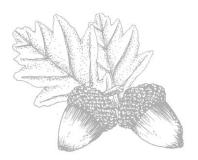


### Grow your wines amidst 500 years of French history

hambord is an exceptional work of art, registered as early as 1840 in the first list of historic monuments and since 1981 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Emblematic of the French Renaissance all over the world, the château is indissolubly associated with the vast forest estate surrounding it. Comprising 13000 acres and 20 miles of external walls, the *Domaine national de Chambord* is the largest enclosed forest park in Europe.







ocated in the Loire valley, in the center of France, the forest of Chambord neighbors the national forests of Boulogne, Russy and Blois, all of which are conducive to manufacture of oak barrels. It is also less than 95 miles from the renowned forests of Loches, Bercé and Tronçais. Developed over the course of centuries, its natural territory has been preserved and its entire forest is classified as a historic monument. Chambord has adhered to the sustainable management certifications known as Natura 2000 and PEFC (Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes).

The histories of the forest and the château of Chambord are indissociable: The château is an architectural work of art ardently desired by François I and the forest is its crown jewel. Ever since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when it became the seat of a royal hunting captaincy, the estate has formed an indissoluble unit. Brother of Louis XIII, Gaston, Duke of Orléans carried on the work of François I by purchasing new lands. Louis XIV, the king of Poland Stanislaw Leszczynski and Maurice, Count of Saxony all subsequently inhabited the estate at one time or another. A major gathering point for French hunters until 1947, the forest has been carefully planned out and properly maintained to host internationally renowned hunting activities. From 1965 until 2010, the estate was home ground for French presidential hunts.

Nowadays, the National Estate of Chambord is associating itself with the world of wine manufacture by proposing a limited edition of top-quality oak barrels. This project is at once patrimonial, economic and sustainable: Chambord wishes to reposition its forest in the history of France, promote its wood industry and develop an integrated approach to oenotourism.







#### Vintage oak

hambord oak is split into wood staves by hand, according to time-honored rules. For two years, it is left to mature in open air in the heart of the estate. Scrupulous observation of the grand cooperage tradition of oak barrel making guarantees an irreproachable organoleptic result.

The Chambord barrel is a tool for oenological growth associating the elegance of silky tannins with the subtle aromas revealed in the toasting process. Just like its illustrious Loire valley neighbors, Chambord oak endows the greatest French and worldwide wines with structure, length, finesse, freshness and complexity.

Available in the form of lengthily medium toasted casks, «Chambord» barrels may also contain non-toasted heads (toasting possible on request).

Medium long-lasting toasting is recommended as an ideal way of revealing the richness of the oak and of respecting the fruit.







# Conception and manufacture of a 100% French product by recognized craftsmen

he first edition of these barrels consists in 100 numbered specimens available in formats of 225 liters (Bordeaux barrel) or 228 liters (Burgundy piece). Upcoming editions, which will be partially available in formats of 300, 350 or 400 as well as 225 and 228 liters, will not exceed 150 specimens. The manufacturing process is painstakingly mastered in its selection of oak trees, production of staves and design of the barrels themselves. The National Estate of Chambord draws upon French craftsmanship and the local economy. The barrels are manufactured by master craftsmen whose methodology is in full compliance with the rules reflecting professional know-how and the French art of living.

The manufacture of wood staves takes place near Chambord, in the Cizeau stave mill. Twenty-four months of open air drying in the park of Chambord with its Loire valley climate are subsequently essential to the maturation of the exceptional staves.

The manufacture and toasting of the barrels is performed by the Cadus cooperage in Burgundy. For every barrel delivered, and in partnership with a Burgundy-based tree nursery, Cadus has promised that a tree will be replanted. Since the operation got underway (in 2015), more than 38000 sessile and pedonculated oaks have been replanted. Today the National Estate of Chambord is proud to promote a reforestation project in full alignment with its values. Last but not least, the traditional slate slab adorning the barrel and the glass bung plug have been engraved and painted by Charente craftsmen.

The project is monitored by Cognac-based consulting firm in oenological wood ("oakmasters to serve winemakers"), Oenowood International.







The choice of an art of living and French excellence

hen you choose a "Chambord" barrel, a product available only on a limited basis (100 barrels a year), you are making the choice of excellence and a specifically French art of living.

And you are growing your wines amidst five centuries of French history. Finally, as a user of "Chambord" barrels, you will be eligible, on completion of initial oenological aging, to join the short list of wines marketed with the indication *Matured in Chambord oak barrels*.























#### Project partners

- ← Cizeau stave mill
- ← Cadus cooperage
- Oenowood International

The **Cizeau stave mill** is located in Neung-sur-Beuvron in the Loir-et-Cher department, 25 kilometers from Chambord. It perpetuates stave wood expertise in a family business managed by the fourth generation of the Cizeau family.

Based in wine-growing Burgundy, **Cadus** upholds an undeniably traditional style and method of the French art of cooperage. Present throughout the world, Cadus is one of the main names in French cooperage. Highly respectful of its environment, in 2015 Cadus launched the operation "one barrel – one tree"; for every barrel delivered, a tree is replanted.

**Oenowood International** is a company dedicated to marketing, consulting and project engineering in oenological woods. It designs and produces custom and craft premium wood solutions for actors in the high-end wines and spirits sector all over the World.











#### Château de Chambord 41250 Chambord

SIRET: 483 258 596 000 12 Code APE: 9103Z



#### Order form

Sales price pre-tax (before VAT if applicable), Exworks cooperage 21550 Ladoix-Sérigny, including right to use the name "*Matured in Chambord oak barrels*". Net prices. Direct billing by the National Estate of Chambord. Shipping costs not included. We are at your disposal to establish a personalized partnership.

Product References 2019/20			Quantity	Total
FUT225BOREXP 225L barrel Bordeaux Export	€ 960	€ 900 Starting from 5 barrels		
FUT228BGNEXP 228L barrel Bourgogne Export	€ 960	€ 900 Starting from 5 barrels		
			Total	

#### Order form

To be returned to: Domaine national de Chambord Direction de la Chasse et de la Forêt 41250 Chambord

Payment by check, bank transfer or bank card only. The check is to be addressed to *l'Agent comptable du Domaine national de Chambord*. Bank transfer to the account of the Accounting Officer. Virement. IBAN: FR76 1007 1410 0000 001 0020 812 / BIC: TRPUFRP1 (Please indicate the reason for transfer)

In accordance with Article L. 441-6 of the French Commercial Code, the general terms and conditions of sale are available on request to: secretariat.forêt@chambord.org

The authorized name is the following: "Matured in Chambord oak barrels".

The purchaser of "Chambord" barrels pledges not to exceed the quantities adjacently indicated and to keep distinct accounts providing proof of purchase in the event of inspection.

All mentions of Chambord origin, including those pertaining to quality and style, are subject to the preliminary agreement of the National Estate of Chambord.

For the record, use of the image of Chambord and of the "**Chambord**" brand in a commercial framework are governed by the law and must be the subject of a specific contract.



The optimal duration of oenological utilization of a barrel being three wine maturation cycles, the name "*Matured in Chambord oak barrels*" is usable up to:
675 liters (900 x 75cl bottles) per 225 liters

675 liters (900 x 75cl bottles) per 225 liters Bordeaux barrel; 684 liters (912 x 75cl bottles) per 228 liters Burgundy piece.

#### Telephone contact:

DELIVERY ADDRESS (if different)

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#### **BILLING ADDRESS**

Last name:	Last name:	
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