



LOUDENNE

LE CHÂTEAU

2009

MÉDOC CRU BOURGEOIS



« ALL THE BEST MEDOC VINEYARDS

LOOK ONTO THE RIVER »

As all the best Grands Crus from the Medoc area, Loudenne vineyard is benefiting from an exceptional terroir: 2 gravelly hills that slope gently down to the banks of the Gironde estuary, reflecting the sun rays, reducing the risk of frost and helping the grapes to ripen.

This privileged terroir contributes to the unique complexity and finesse of Château Loudenne wines.

Terroir and vineyard:

Terroir: 2 hills made of Garonne gravel mixed with clay on a limestone sub-soil.

Vineyard: 45 ha (111 acres)

Density: 6 700 plants / hectare (the oldest having a lower density 5 000 plants / ha).

2009 weather conditions:

An exceptional vintage: 2009 satisfies all the conditions to make a great vintage of red wine in Bordeaux. After a rainy spring that replenished the water reserves, the flowering and fruit set took place at the beginning of June in a very favourable warm, sunny and dry weather. The summer was marked by beautiful hot days without heatwaves preserving a good level of acidity of the grapes as well as by scarce rainfalls sufficient to avoid the lack of water. In September and October, the summer continued with sun heat and drought dominating, allowing to harvest serenely all the grapes at their optimum maturity.

Vinification and ageing:

Thermo-regulated stainless steel and concrete vats.

Vatting time: 3 weeks.

Punching down of the cap and pumping over.

Malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Ageing 12 months in barrels.

Oenologist: Michel Rolland and Athanase

Decanter
Stephen Brook

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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

Neal Martin

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Jeannie Cho Lee
Master of Wine

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Production and blend:

55 % Merlot

40 % Cabernet Sauvignon

4 % Cabernet Franc

1 % Malbec

Alcohol content: 14 % vol.

pH : 3.65

Tasting comments

Beautiful purple color slightly orange on the glass rim. The nose is open with powerful flavors of black fruit, chocolate, raisins and toasted. On the palate, the wine is balanced, full-bodied and generous with a nice acidity. The aromas of fruit and spices dominate. The finish is long with beautiful silky tannins.

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