



LOUDENNE

LE CHÂTEAU

2014

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).

2014 weather conditions:

Winter was mild and very rainy, which favored an early bud burst. However, the cool spring slowed down the development of the vine. July and August were also cool and regularly watered, with sometimes hot spells over a few days. Beautiful sunshine in September and stable weather over several weeks allowed us to get the grapes to ripen well. The North Medoc and Loudenne were spared from the corridor of rain and storms which struck Saint-Estèphe and Pauillac during harvest.

Harvest:

Plot selection.
Hand picking in small crates.
Sorting table on reception.
Transfer by gravity in the vats.

Vinification:

Thermo-regulated stainless steel and concrete vats.
Small Bucher vertical press. Strict selection of press wines.
Malolactic fermentation in barrels.
Oenologist advisor: Athanase Fakorellis

SAKURA Japan Awards 2019 : **Double Gold**
Bettane & Desseauve : **16**
Wine Enthusiast – Roger Voss : **88-90**
Tasted 100% Blind – Andreas Larsson : **89**
Concours général Paris 2017 : **Gold**
CWSA China Best Value 2019: **Gold**
Challenge French Wines for Asia 2018: **Gold**
Sélection Mondiale Canada 2018 : **Gold**
New York Wine Competition 2018: **Medoc Winery of the Year**
Jeannie Cho Lee 2015 : **88**

Ageing:

100% in French oak barrels originated from Bordeaux coopers. 33 % new oak.
Medium toast.
12 to 16 months in barrels.

Volume and blend:

105 000 bottles
50 % Cabernet Sauvignon
50 % Merlot
Alcohol content: 13 % vol.
pH : 3.65

Tasting comments

Dark purple color. The nose is powerful and complex with black fruits, toasted and tobacco flavors complemented by elegant fresh notes of mint and elderberry. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and fruity, with a nice tannic structure and a long finish. It is a wine with both good ageing potential and tannins.

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