



LOUDENNE

LE CHÂTEAU

2016

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« 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: 31 ha (76 acres) – average 41 y.o. Density: 6 700 plants / hectare (the oldest having a lower density 5 000 plants / ha).

50 % Merlot - 48 % Cabernet Sauvignon – 2 % Cabernet Franc.

2016 weather conditions:

The winter was warm and rainy and consequently the budburst was earlier than usual. Spring was cooler but also rainy. Afterwards from June 23rd until mid-September the summer was hot and dry. Loudenne vines didn't suffer, thanks to the water reserves that the soil built during winter and spring, but the heat slowed down the growth of vegetation. A rainfall on September 13th revived the ripening of the grapes. From that date until the end of October, the weather was dry and sunny, allowing to harvest all the varieties at their perfect maturity.

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



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Ageing:

100% in French oak barrels originated from Bordeaux coopers. 33 % new oak.

Medium toast.

12 to 16 months in barrels.

Volume and blend:

150 000 bottles

53 % Cabernet Sauvignon

45 % Merlot

2 % Cabernet Franc

Alcohol content: 14.2 % vol.

pH : 3.64

Tasting comments

Beautiful deep cherry red color.

A nose of dark fruits (ripe blackcurrant and black cherry griotte) and spices with a touch of liquorice and vanilla.

The palate shows a very convincing start, broad and immediately textural, with a nice weight through the middle, with a good frame of rich and ripe tannins, fresh acidity and plenty of grip too. Beautiful long and persistent finish.

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