CHÂTEAU PATACHE D'AUX

CRU BOURGEOIS

2018

TASTING

Our terroir offers very clayey soils, lying on a limestone slab subsoils. It usually produces very dense, powerful, yet fresh wines. 2018 vintage allowed us to harvest our Cabernet Sauvignon at optimum ripeness of the tannins.

Tasted today, the 2018 Patache d'Aux is a full-bodied wine, expressing perfectly its Northern Médoc identity. The wine shows a deep garnet and purple color. Nose expresses hints of black fruits, empyreumatic notes brought by the Cabernet and floral notes from the Merlot. On the palate, the wine tannins start to align with the barrel-ageing, making the wine supple. With an impressive density, this vintage is complex, delicate and multidimensional.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON | MERLOT | PETIT VERDOT

Alcohol: 14% vol.
Average age of the vines: 40 years
Plantation density: 9090 vines/ha
Yield: 36 hL/ha
Winemaker: Lucie Lauilhé

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Location: 63ha of vineyard, in Bégadan (50ha) and Saint-Christoly (13ha), in North Médoc 20 meters above sea level.

Terroir: 50ha are planted on a limestone plateau, with a small layer of clay on the surface (only 20 to 50cm over the limestone underground). 13ha are on Garonne river gravels, with clayey-sandy matrix next to the Gironde estuary.

Viticulture: Mechanical soil tillage over half the surface area, with inter-row grass coverage with legumes or cereal crops combined with controlled natural grassing or ploughing depending on the climate conditions. Weeding along the rows over half the surface area, with maintenance of inter-row grassing by mowing.

Harvest: A full month of picking from September 20th to October 17th. Mechanical harvesting with an on-board sorting , gravity transfer of the grapes to the vats.

Winemaking: Vinified in temperature-controlled uncoated concrete vats. Gentle extraction (mostly sulfur free punching downs) and short vatting period of less than 4 weeks in average in order to moderate the extraction important tannic potential.

Ageing : Between 10 and 14 months. 80% of the wine aged in barrels : 1/3 in new barrels, 1/3 in one-wine barrels and 1/3 in two-wine barrels. 20% of total volume aged in uncoated concrete tanks.

AWARDS & RATINGS

Decanter	93-Top 10 Crus Bourgeois
Jeb Dunnuck	91+
James Suckling	91
Wine Enthusiast	90
Vinous	90
Jancis Robinson	16,5+

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