



DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

CHÂTEAU DUHART-MILON

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BACKGROUND

The Rothschild family acquired Château Duhart-Milon, a “4er Cru” in the 1855 classification, from the “Castejas” of Pauillac, in 1962. The property was named after the Sieur of Duhart, gun-runner to Louis XIV, who originally owned the property, and from the name of the little hamlet of Milon which separates the Duhart-Milon vineyard from Château Lafite. The vineyard covers 188 acres and is planted with the classical Médoc cépages: Cabernet Sauvignon (67%), Merlot (33%) and a small amount of “Petit Verdot.”

APPELLATION

Pauillac (Bordeaux), France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

19.5% Merlot, 80.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTES

2000 was a dream year in all respects: early vegetation, higher than average temperatures, normal rainfall ending with sunny weather during the harvest.

WINEMAKING

The regular workers of the estate began the harvests on September 21st and then continued with a team of 250 harvesters on the 25th. The sun shone throughout the harvests, which lasted until October 10th. The maturity of the grapes was consistent, with very good sugar levels. The tannins were present and mature, with good extraction potential.

The vinifications took place smoothly. It was only at the time of the first tastings (after running off the wine) that we discovered to what extent this vintage was exceptional. The importance, suppleness and complexity of the juices were really impressive.

AGEING

50% new barrels, 50% two year old barrels (made from the Domain’s cooperage).

TASTING NOTES

An excellent vintage distinguished by its tannic structure, deep ruby color, with a remarkable length and balance. The fruit is profound both on the nose and on the palate. A long sumptuous finish. Worthy of an elegant and fine wine with a long ageing potential.

CURRENT WINEMAKER

Eric Kohler

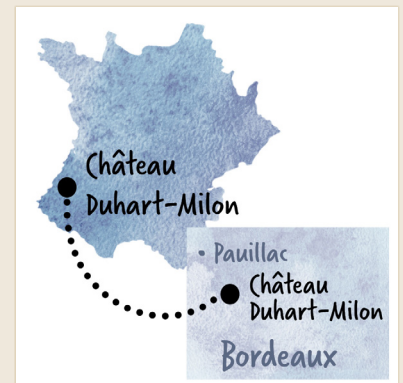
TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.32 g/L
Alcohol
12.89%



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