

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LES LÉGENDES

BORDEAUX BLANC 2020

BACKGROUND

The Rothschild family has been producing wine in Bordeaux since 1868. For six generations, they got to know this beautiful landscape and understand the unique traits of the vines from each appellation. Three decades ago, the family was inspired to create a new wine series, where each wine would be the epitome of the appellation it came from. Their motivation was simple: to ensure wine lovers everywhere could dive into Bordeaux and taste the originality of each appellation. And so, the Les Légendes range was born.

The production of Les Légendes wines is supervised by our oenologist, Diane Flamand. The new Les Légendes range has greatly benefited from Diane's ambition to create long term partnerships with vineyard growers around each appellation. Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) has made excellence in wine-making practices the basis of its development. Diane elaborates wines following the same approach: passion, discipline, humility, excellence and harmony.

For over 150 years, our master winemakers have been crafting the finest Bordeaux wines. Generations of local knowledge have taught our grape growers exactly how to get our Bordeaux Blanc so incredibly crisp and aromatic: harvesting the grapes before sunrise. This keeps the grapes cold and preserves their delicate aromas, producing wine that's bursting with flavor from the moment it's opened.

APPELLATION

Bordeaux, France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

85% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Sémillon

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Les Légendes Bordeaux blanc comes from the Entre-deux-Mers region. The vineyard rests on the hillsides located between the two rivers South East of Bordeaux: the Dordogne and the Garonne. This vast territory offers an interesting diversity of terroirs, exposures and soils (sand, clay, gravel, limestone) suited to the production of red and white wines. The dry whites are made mainly of a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

Weather for the 2020 vintage was capricious, with a very mild winter encouraging an early bud break. The spring was very wet and rainy, causing coulure in some grape varieties and a significant threat of downy mildew. During the summer, a heat wave checked the grapes' ripening, particularly on the left bank with its gravelly, permeable soil. The right bank fared better with its more clayey soil that retains moisture. The harvests in 2020 were historically early, starting on August 24th for the white grapes. The difficult weather conditions gave our technicians a hard time, but professionalism and patience enabled us to produce a fresh, aromatic wine.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are harvested at dawn in order to preserve their delicate aromas. After a short period of cold maceration, they are delicately pressed and placed in stainless steel tanks for fermentation at cool temperature. Total maceration takes approximately 12 hours.

AGEING

The wine is aged on its lees in stainless steel tanks, which contributes to its exceptional mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

This vibrant blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon combines notes of tropical fruit such as pineapple and passion fruit with delicate mineral notes. Aged on lees this wine presents a nice roundness balanced by a fresh, crisp finish.



WINEMAKER

Diane Flamand

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.57 g/L - pH: 3.09

Alcohol
12.0%

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