



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

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

The weather conditions were unusual in 2014 and required all of our technical teams' vigilance and expertise. Spring was exceptionally hot and dry, resulting in an acceleration of the growth cycle, summer saw less sunshine than usual in July, and August was very wet. Right before the plots were ready to harvest, a huge hail storm hit on September 1st in the north of Pauillac and Saint Estèphe resulting in the reorganization of harvest schedules. The affected plots had to be picked first. Fortunately, the grapes had ripened early and had great quality.

WINEMAKING

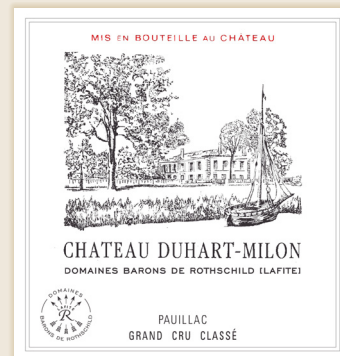
Harvests took place from September 23rd - 29th for the Merlot, and from September 29th - October 10th for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Pumping-over and the maceration time were adapted according to each vat, the origin of the plot and the level of maturity of the tannins. Alcoholic fermentation took place in concrete and stainless steel temperature controlled vats. Maceration lasted 15-20 days, and malolactic fermentation was carried out in cement and stainless steel vats.

AGEING

The wine was aged for 14 months in barrels crafted at the Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) cooperage, 50% new barrels and 50% barrels of one use.

TASTING NOTES

Well balanced with a beautiful dark red color. The nose is reserved, but already has good depth and complexity. The wood is well integrated under the characteristic notes of fresh red fruit, dominated by blackcurrants. On the palate, the attack is robust and dense, with the wine developing lots of volume and a good presence of fruit. Good length with elegant, fresh style. The tannins, although still young, are silky. Opening up in four to five years, and peaking between 2020 and 2030.



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April 2017
POINTS

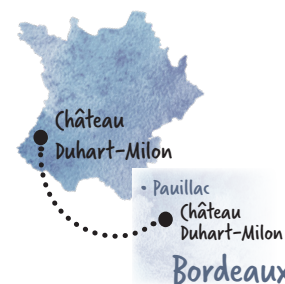
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WINEMAKER

Charles Chevallier

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.5 g/L
Alcohol
13%



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