



DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

## CHÂTEAU DUHART-MILON

MOULIN DE DUHART 2014

### BACKGROUND

The Rothschild family acquired Château Duhart-Milon, a “4èmes 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 that of Château Lafite. Moulin de Duhart, Château Duhart-Milon’s second wine, is selected from vats of the “Grand Vin”. In general, the grapes are from the youngest part of the vineyard. Moulin de Duhart has several characteristics similar to the fine wine, but with a lesser potential for ageing as its ageing in barrels is much shorter. The vineyard covers 187 acres and is planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (67%) and Merlot (33%).

### APPELLATION

Pauillac (Bordeaux), France

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

64% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon

### TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

A very wet, but mild winter led to an early bud break and uniform flowering in June. The beautiful weather came at the beginning of June. Some grapes ripend in late July and others after mid August, creating differences in the ripeness of the bunches on the same vine. Some “juggling” was therefore necessary when it came to the harvests, in order to make the best choices; the pickers and sorters were under strict orders to only keep the very best quality red grapes, suited to the production our Pauillac *grand vins*.

### WINEMAKING

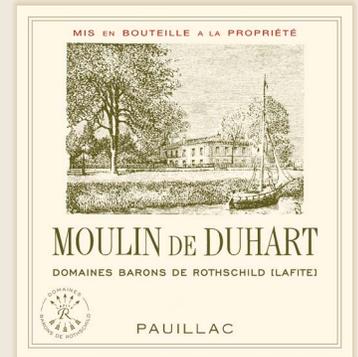
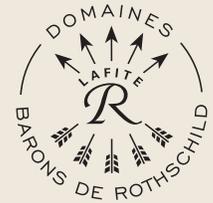
Harvests took place from September 23rd to 29th for the Merlot and from September 29th to October 10th for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Pumping-over and the maceration time were adapted according to each vat, the origin of the plot and the level of maturity of the tannins. Alcoholic fermentation took place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

### AGEING

The wine was aged for 10 months in barrels crafted at Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) cooperage and 10 months in vats.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep red color with a robust nose. Notes of fresh fruit, especially Morello cherries. The attack is supple and rounded. A pleasantly energetic wine. It evolves well on the palate, the structure suggests that it will open up soon, over the next two years and be at its peak between 2018 and 2022.



91 WINE ENTHUSIAST  
POINTS April 2017

90 PTS JAMES SUCKLING 2/17

### CURRENT WINEMAKER

Eric Kohler

### TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity  
3.49 g/L  
Alcohol  
13%

