



WINEMAKER

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TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.8 g/L - pH: 3.15
Alcohol
12%

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

CHÂTEAU RIEUSSEC

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BACKGROUND

Classified as a First Growth in 1855, Rieussec is one of the biggest estates of Sauternes with 227 acres of vines, situated on the "communes" of Sauternes and Fargues, high above the Garonne River, in a small area where the cold Autumn dawns help form the famous mist. It is this mist which many believe plays a major role in the development of botrytis cinerea (noble rot). Château Rieussec is located in Fargues (adjacent to Château d'Yquem).

In the 18th century, the Rieussec estate belonged to the Carmes de Langon monks. Sold as a "national inheritance" after the French Revolution, Rieussec experienced several changes of owners before being acquired by Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) in 1984. Since then, meticulous plot selection and important innovative methods have been used in the cellars to enhance quality.

APPELLATION

Sauternes (Bordeaux), France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

57% Sémillon, 43% Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTES

The winter began with a period of very mild weather from December to the end of January. Fortunately, a cold spell arrived in February and continued until bud break, around April 8th, resulting in a few frosts in the surrounding area. Spring was wet until mid-June but this did not disrupt flowering, which began on June 9th. The summer was then very hot and dry.

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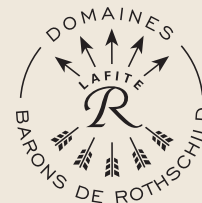
The harvest took place from September 2nd to 21st in superb conditions. Despite the heat and dryness of the summer, yields were good and the musts presented excellent balance. Alcoholic fermentation was carried out in barrels (35%) and vats (65%).

AGEING

Ageing lasted for 4 months in barrels on the lees with stirring.

TASTING NOTES

Powerful, harmonious nose with notes of citrus, mango, and other exotic fruit. The direct, energetic attack on the palate presents the same exotic, fresh character. The wine presents plenty of volume and good harmony. The buttery notes from the barrel-ageing have a definite presence and will quickly become integrated to give the wine more complexity. The finish is backed up by a pleasant acidity.



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POINTS

DECANTER
April 2017

