

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

DOMAINE D'AUSSIÈRES

AUSSIÈRES RED BLEND 2017

BACKGROUND

Due to its exceptional geographical location and unique wine-growing site and history, Domaine d'Aussières is one of those wild, natural places that gives an impression of great force and beauty. These words of Baron Eric de Rothschild explain why he fell in love with the estate and Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) has taken on the challenge to revitalize one of the oldest and most beautiful wine-making estates in the Narbonne area. Now his daughter Saskia continues the work her father began. Acquired by Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) in 1999, the 1,359 acre Domaine d'Aussières estate has undergone a vast rehabilitation program. 412 acres of vines have been replanted with carefully selected traditional Languedoc grape varieties: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Carignan, complemented with Cabernet, Merlot and Chardonnay.

APPELLATION

Pays d'Oc, France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

30% Syrah, 25% Marselan, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Others

VINTAGE NOTES

This unusually wet start to the season was followed by some major climate incidents. The Languedoc experienced two frosts of a severity that had not been seen in the region for more than 25 years, which destroyed hundreds of acres of vines. Nearly a third of Aussières' vines were affected and some were completely destroyed.

In the areas not affected by the frost, the vintage was of very good quality. The balance between temperatures and rainfall was close to the notable 2015 vintage, with a fine vegetative expression starting from budbreak up to maturity and through the flowering season. Weather conditions were then exceptional during September and October allowing all grape varieties to reach a great level of maturity with great aromatic expression and good balance on the parcels.

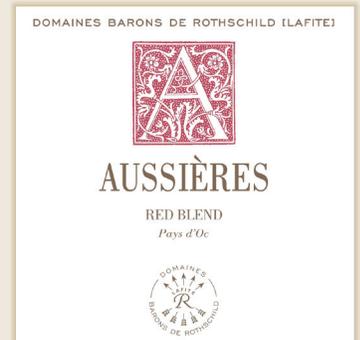
WINEMAKING

Grapes are harvested before daylight when temperatures are at their lowest. After a few hours of cold maceration, they are pressed and fermented at low temperature in stainless steel tanks to preserve their aromatic potential. The wine is aged in tanks in order to retain the purity of the fruit.

TASTING NOTES

Deep red color with indigo hues. The nose reveals appealing notes of red fruit enhanced by hints of liquorice and a touch of spiciness from the Syrah. On the palate, the wine is straightforward and pleasing, asserting its Mediterranean origins. Round and smooth with elegant tannins, it will pair beautifully with all types of dishes.

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Baron Eric de Rothschild



WINEMAKER

Aymeric Izard
Olivier Trégoat

TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.70

Alcohol
14%

