

Reserve



Spéciale

PRIVATE RESERVE MÉDOC 2020

Made by Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) team with the same care and passion that is given to their grands crus, Private Reserve wines offer a great discovery of Bordeaux terroirs and tastes.

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Médoc, Bordeaux, France

Médoc Appellation stretches on the left bank of the Gironde Estuary, North of Bordeaux.

Terroir : Médoc benefits from an exceptional situation and a unique terroir. The gravelly hilltops characteristics of the region produce great wines with great aging potential. Wines coming from clay and limestone terroir are fine and elegant and can be appreciated in their youth.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

Even though the 2020 season was rather whimsical, the winter was very mild winter, which favored early budbreak. The spring was wet and rainy, leading to some failed fruit set on some vines and increasing the risk of powdery mildew. During the summer, a heat wave, and an unprecedented drought (no rainfall between mid-June and mid-August) blocked berry ripening in some lots. The 2020 harvest was historically early and took place under a heat wave that lasted through the harvest period. The 2020 Médoc wines are powerful, fresh, and elegant, with reasonable alcohol levels, good-density tannins, and higher acidity than previous vintages.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

This wine is made according to the traditional Bordeaux method, which includes destemming and pressing of the grapes before fermentation in stainless steel vats equipped with automatic temperature control. Maceration lasts about 3 weeks, along which pumping-over is carried out to extract tannins and color. Thirty percent of the batches are aged in barrels before the final blend is prepared. This wine displays a subtle balance between fruit and oak.

■ TASTING NOTES

Deep purple red color.

Discreet and elegant nose of very ripe fruit, such as black currant, with spicy notes, such as clove. When swirled, smoky and mocha notes appear, evidencing barrel aging. The attack on the palate is ample and silky, the tannins are dense and firm, and the finish is fresh. It is a full-bodied, powerful wine that will evolve in the bottle over the next 5 years.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 55%, Merlot 45%

Alcohol content : 13 % vol.

pH : 3.60

Total acidity : 3.38 g/l

