



MÉDOC 2020

The Lafite Rothschild family has been producing wine in Bordeaux since 1868. For six generations, they got to know this beautiful landscape and understand the unique traits of the vines from each appellation. Three decades ago, the family was inspired to create a new wine series, where each wine would be the epitome of the appellation it came from. Their motivation was simple – to ensure wine lovers everywhere could dive into Bordeaux and taste the originality of each appellation. And so, Réserve Spéciale range was born.



■ 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

The 2020 vintage started with an early budbreak following a very mild winter. The spring was wet and rainy, which affected the fruit onset. Summer on the other hand was marked by unprecedented drought with no rainfall between mid-June and mid-August, which disturbed the berry ripening in some lots. The 2020 harvest was historically early and took place under a heat wave that lasted through the harvest period.

As a result, 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 in the traditional Bordeaux method : grapes are destemmed and crushed before being placed in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Total maceration time lasts around 3 weeks, with regular pumping overs, to obtain good concentration of tannins and colour. The wine is then ready for the ageing under oak (around 50% of the final blend).

■ TASTING NOTES

Intense garnet colour.

The nose is fine and discrete, with aromas of red fruit (cherries) and notes of tobacco and cigar box.

On the palate the wine is perfectly well balanced, with a nice structure, round and soft tannins. The finish is Long, with aromas of liquorice.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 50%, Merlot 50%

Alcohol content : 13.5 % vol.

pH : 3.57

Total acidity : 3.40 g/l