



CARRUADES DE LAFITE 2000

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Pauillac, Bordeaux, France

Pauillac is located on the left bank of the Gironde estuary, approximately 40km North of Bordeaux. With the tempering influence of the estuary and a great diversity of soils originated from both the Massif Central and the Pyrenees, Pauillac boasts exceptional climatic and geological conditions to make outstanding wines.

Terroir : Chateau Lafite Rothschild is located to the North of the Pauillac appellation, bordering Saint-Estèphe. The vineyard consists of three main areas : the hillsides around the Château, the adjacent Carruades plateau to the west, and 4.5 hectares in Saint Estèphe appellation. The vineyard covers 112 hectares with soil made up of fine deep gravel, mixed with aeolian sand on a subsoil of tertiary limestone. It is well-drained and benefits from optimal sun exposure.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

The weather was great this year in all respects: early vegetation, higher than average temperatures, normal rainfall ending with sunny weather during the harvest. The last part of the summer season was particularly wonderful, with hot dry weeks in August and September. All this led to the conception of very ripe grapes. The harvests began on 21 September until 10 October in the sunshine. The maturity of the grapes was consistent, with very good sugar levels. As for the tannins, they were present and mature, with good extraction potential.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

The vinifications took place smoothly. It was only at the time of the first tastings (after running off the wine) that we discovered to what extent this vintage was exceptional. The importance, suppleness and complexity of the juices were really impressive.

■ TASTING NOTES

These excellent conditions resulted in an exceptional 2000 vintage with a deep color. The nose presents a great aromatic intensity focused on black fruits and licorice. In the mouth, it is supple, fleshy and fruity with firm tannins and a beautiful long finish.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 51%, Merlot 42%, Cabernet franc 5%, Petit verdot 1,30%

Yield : 57 hL/ha

Alcohol content : 12.5 % vol.

Total acidity : 3.70 g/l