



CHÂTEAU DE MERCUÈS, 6666, 2020

The art of mastering the Malbec diva

Château de Mercuès was the summer residence of the Bishops and Counts of Cahors since the middle ages, and in 1959 became one of the very first Relais & Châteaux in France. The vineyard is located on the third terraces of the Lot valley, between Caillac and Mercuès, and is planted on an ancient alluvial soil from the Mindel era. The terroir is enriched with clay and silica, combined with high planting density. This premium cuvée from Château de Mercuès results from the meticulous technical expertise applied to the elaboration of our Malbecs. Its name highlights the high planting density implemented in the vineyard since 1994, up to 6666 vines per hectare, to concentrate the aromas and develop exceptionally fine and velvety tannins.

VARIETAL: 100% Malbec	COLOR: Red	REGION: Occitanie
APPELLATION: AOP Cahors	AGING POTENTIAL: 15 years	
FORMAT: 75 cl	ALCOHOL: 14,5 %	VINTAGE: 2020
PH: 3,55	TOTAL ACIDITY (TARTARIC): 4,95 mg/l	SO₂: 72 mg/l
RESIDUAL SUGARS: 1 g/l	CLOSURE: Natural cork	

VINTAGE 2020

The 2020 vintage was an exceptional one, marked by ideal weather conditions that allowed for the production of wines of remarkable quality. Following a mild winter and an early spring, the very dry summer and the August thunderstorms promoted optimal ripening of the grapes while enabling sustainable vineyard management.

VITICULTURE

A meticulous selection of individual plots is carried out on the clay-gravel soils of the third terrace of the Lot Valley. This approach allows us to identify the best areas of the vineyard in order to fully express the richness, finesse, and complexity of the terroir.

VINIFICATION & MATURATION

Fermentation in steel vats.

Aged for 15 months in 225 litres barrels for 70% of the volume.

30% is aged in small 7 hl amphorae.

Aged for another 12 months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES & AWARDS

"This powerful wine has a dark purple colour and reveals notes of fresh fruit and licorice. Its controlled acidity and velvety tannins are the signature of this rich, generous and opulent Malbec."



THE DRINKS BUSINESS - GLOBAL MALBEC MASTERS	GOLD
GUIDE HACHETTE	COUP DE COEUR
WINE ENTHUSIAST	94 POINTS
BETTANE & DESSEAUME	92 POINTS