

# AURORE DE DAUZAC

## 2020

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### MARGAUX APPELLATION

Produced from vines located on a specific geological vein where the gravelly soil is fine and sandy, the plot-by-plot selection unique to Aurore de Dauzac lets the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes express themselves, providing a crisp, fruity and intense wine.

The months of March and April were quite mild, encouraging dynamic, early budburst about two weeks ahead of time. Mechanical soil tillage in the spring stimulated the vine to develop its root system in depth, allowing the plant to resist drought. An essential agronomical factor this year that enabled well-structured ripeness. Flowering occurred between May 25th and June 1st. The warm, dry summer which followed led to excellent grape ripeness. The lack of rainfall brought about a slight water deficit, a situation that created natural concentration with ripeness evolving nicely until harvest time. The use of biodynamic preparations in the vineyards allowed the vine to face the summer's high temperatures and drought in good conditions. For the Merlot grapes, harvesting began on September 10th, ending on September 17th. We were seeking fruit and complexity. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked from September 21st to the 30th, before the weather conditions deteriorated. Fermentation with gentle pumping over favoured the extraction of subtle, complex tannins. The extra special care given to the press wine was essential for elaborating the blend.

### Tasting comments

Dark garnet red with purple tints. Round and delicate attack, extremely balanced and concentrated with notes of refined black fruits. Nice length that remains fresh.

### Ageing potential

At its best between 3 and 15 years of age, can keep up to 15-20 years.

**Blend:** 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot

**Growing surface area:** 42 hectares

**Soil type:** Fine and sandy, gravelly hilltops

**Rootstocks:** 101-14, Riparia Gloire and 3309

**Fertiliser:** Organic

**Plant density:** 10,000 vine stocks per hectare

**Average age of vines:** 35-40 yrs. old

**Estate varietal planting:** 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 2% Petit-Verdot

**Type of pruning:** Double Guyot system with de-budding

**Harvesting:** By hand in small bins and table sorting before and after destemming

**Vinification:** Use of a gravity-flow cellar

**Fermentation:** in temperature-controlled, insulated stainless steel and wooden casks. Fermentation temperature: 28°C.

**Malolactic:** Yes

**Fining:** if needed, with plant proteins

**Ageing:** 12 months in barrels with racking, depending on tasting results

- 100%-VEGAN certified wine production -