

Comte de Dauzac 2017

Appellation Margaux

Count Jean-Baptiste Lynch was mayor of Bordeaux and later made Count of the Empire by Napoléon, hence his nickname «Comte de Dauzac». He inherited Dauzac in 1783. And he loved watching boat sailing away with barrels of Dauzac from his telescope !

After a rather dry and sunny winter, the month of March was mild, causing the first vine leaves to appear very early. The heavy spring frost in the Bordeaux region at the end of April spared all of Château Dauzac's vineyards with their bench of gravel located near a river. There were mild temperatures in May, with rapid and even flowering at the end of the month. The summer, with average temperatures, was marked by a water deficit. The first rainfalls in September were worrisome but once again, Château Dauzac's geographic location between a river and forest which causes air to flow through clouds limited rainfall during harvesting. The harvest was rapid: we started the Merlot on 14 September and ended the Cabernet Sauvignon on 4 October. The harvest was highly homogeneous with impressive maturity. Careful intra-plot selection work resulted in high-precision vinification.

Tasting notes:

Appearance: garnet red with purple tints

Nose: delicate expression of slightly floral red fruit

Mouth: round and supple attack, very balanced and nicely concentrated with refined notes of black fruits. Good length on the palate that remains fresh.

Our suggestions:

White meat, poultry, red meat, cheese

Ageing potential:

Peak expression after 3 to 15 years, can be aged for 15 to 20 years.



CEO: Laurent Fortin
Technical Director : Philippe Roux
Consulting Enologist : Eric Boissenot

Blend : 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot

Production of certified 100% VEGAN wine

Production area : 42 hectares (104 acres)

Soil type : fine and sandy, gravelly hilltops

Rooststock : 101-14, Riparia Gloire and 3309

Fertilizer : Organic fertilization

Planting density : 10,000 vines/hectare

Average vine age : 35-40 years

Grape varieties on the property : 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

Pruning system : « Double Guyot » pruning with disbudding

Harvest : By hand in small crates and sorting on tables before and after de-stemming.

Vinification: Use of gravity-flow vatting to supply the fermentation room. Fermentation in insulated and thermo-regulated wooden and stainless steel vats.

Fermentation temperature : 28°C (82,4°F)

Malolactic : Yes

Finish : with plant proteins if necessary

Ageing : 100% French oak barrels (including 65% new barrels) for 12 months with racking based on tasting results.

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