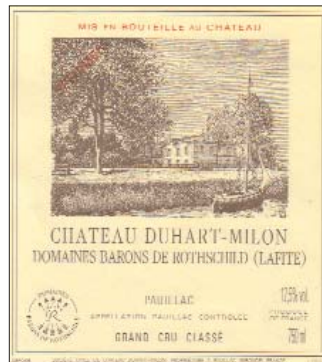


CHÂTEAU DUHART-MILON

LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

Pauillac, France



Château Duhart-Milon 2008

THE VINEYARD

The Rothschild family acquired Château Duhart-Milon, a "4e Cru" in the 1855 classification, from the Castejas of Pauillac, in 1962. The property was named after the Sieur of Duhart, gun-runner to Louis XIV, who originally owned the property, and from the name of the little hamlet of Milon which separates the Duhart-Milon vineyard from that of Château Lafite.

The vineyard covers 50 hectares and is planted with the classical cépages of Médoc: Cabernet Sauvignon (57%), Cabernet Franc (20%), Merlot (21%) and a small amount of "Petit Verdot". This cépage has always been traditionally planted at Duhart-Milon and a certain excess of it in the pre-war vintages might explain their slightly flinty hardness.

HARVEST & AGEING

The growing season was closely monitored, coming after a severe winter and spring frosts. Flowering was not very productive, constant humidity favored disease and the summer was moderately warm. Fortunately, September was fine and so it was possible to wait for the grapes to fully ripen, with late harvests. The harvests took place from the 1st to the 8th of October for the Merlot and from the 8th to the 15th of October for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Pumping-over and the maceration time were adapted according to each vat, the origin of the plot and the level of maturity of the tannins. Alcoholic fermentation took place in cement and stainless steel vats with temperature control. Maceration lasted 15 - 20 days, and malolactic fermentation was carried out in cement and stainless steel vats. The wine was then aged for 20 months in barrels: 50% new barrels and 50% barrels of one wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Expressive with an open nose. Notes of ripe red fruit. Excellent body, after a fine complex attack. A rounded, long finish, with a touch of spice.

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 73 %, Merlot 27 %

Yield: 47hl/ha

Average Production: 264,000 bottles

Finished Alcohol: 13%

Total Acidity: 3.22 g/l



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