

LAFITE RÉSERVE SPÉCIALE

LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

Pauillac, France



Lafite Réserve Spéciale Pauillac 2008

THE VINEYARD

The prestigious Barons de Rothschild family has owned vineyards in Bordeaux for generations. In addition to the wines issued from their world-renowned vineyards, Les Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) has been elaborating a range of wines which are easy and pleasant to drink called "Réserve".

HARVEST & AGEING

Inspired by a grand tradition of quality, the Domaines teams have one priority: selection. Their mastery and perfect knowledge of Bordelais cepages are responsible for the unparalleled quality of their wines. 2008 is the smallest crop since the frost of 1991: 20% less in volume compared to 2007 vintage which already showed a deficit. After an early bud, grapevines suffered from late frost that ruined part of the crop in many vineyards. As in 2007, 2008 vintage was saved thanks to the particularly favourable, dry and sunny months of September & October. Harvest took place from October 1st to the 18th in good conditions. After de-stemming and crushing, the selected plots were vinified separately. The temperature was controlled in the vats to help alcoholic fermentation and maceration for 3 to 4 weeks. The wine was aged (50% in barrels) for 12 months in barrels, followed by fining with egg whites.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Deep ruby color. The nose is discreet, elegant and flattering with wooded, vanilla and spicy notes. The wine is full in mouth, powerful and well-balanced with a peppery aromatic persistence and an interesting freshness on the finish. A very typical and classic Pauillac with a good ageing potential.

Controlled Appellation: Bordeaux

Yield: 40 hl/ha

Bottling: March 2010

Grape Varieties: 75 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 25 % Merlot

Production: 13,000 cases

Finished Alcohol: 12.5%

Acidity: 3.49 g/l

Residual Sugar: <2g/l

pH: 3.60 g/l



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