

LAFITE RÉSERVE SPÉCIALE

LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

Bordeaux, France



Lafite Réserve Spéciale Rouge 2010

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. 2010 saw poor weather conditions during the flowering period of some grape varieties (the Cabernet and late Merlots) resulting in frequent flower abortion and uneven grape size. Combined with a historic drought, this produced an average yield that was 15% down on 2009. However, this enhanced the overall quality of the wines, which were exceptionally rich in tannins, with high levels of alcohol balanced by strong acidity, giving the wines freshness and longevity. The 2010 Bordeaux reds are powerful, lively and balanced. 2009/2010: a double success! The harvests were from the 15th of September to the 15th of October. Vinification was carried out in the traditional method and thermovinification (50% of the batches). The selected plots were vinified separately in stainless steel vats, after being de-stemmed and crushed. This was followed by alcoholic fermentation under temperature control and maceration over 2 weeks. Ageing took place in vats. Fining with egg whites and cold stabilization were operated before bottling the wine. Continual controls (sensory, microbiological and chemical) were carried out throughout the wine making stages.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The color is a deep purple with good intensity. Powerful and seductive, with aromas of ripe fruit (blackcurrants, Morello cherries) and hints of candied violet and liquorice. The palate is generous, rich and full-flavored, long finish with hints of pepper and liquorice.

Controlled Appellation: Bordeaux

Grape Varieties: 55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon

Yield: 35hl/ha

Production: 60,000 cases

Finished Alcohol: 13.5% vol

Residual Sugar: <2 g/l

Total Acidity: 3.10 g/l

pH: 3.50



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