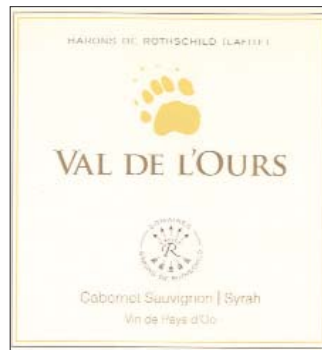


# VAL DE L'OURS

## LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

Languedoc, France



## Vin de Pays d'Oc Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah 2009

### THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located near Narbonne, in the Corbières' microclimate of Fontfroide and Boutenac. Château d'Aussières has been since the Roman era, one of the great estates of the Languedoc. In the Middle Ages, it belonged to the celebrated Abbey of Fontfroide, its neighbor. With its exceptional location, terroir and by the force of its history, the Château d'Aussières is, a wild and natural property of intense and powerful beauty. Since 1999, Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) have revitalized over 395 acres of vineyards on the 1,359 acre estate, as well as renovated the cellars of the Château. The 140 acres of Vin de Pays vineyards are planted to: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Chardonnay, Petit Verdot & Alicante Bouchet.

### HARVEST & AGEING

Weather conditions were rather mixed in the Languedoc. A fairly rainy winter created good water reserves and mild temperatures during April and May favored vegetative growth. The Klaus storm passed in January 2009 causing damage in several parts of the region with winds reaching 180km/h, but fortunately the vineyards at Aussières were spared. High temperatures in the summer accelerated the ripening of early varieties like Chardonnay. The harvest took place in very good conditions between the 27th and the 29th of August. Vinified in the Traditional Bordeaux style. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats. Maceration lasts about 10-15 days. Aged for 8-12 months in stainless steel vats.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Beautiful intense garnet and violet color. The complementary nature of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah is evident in the nose, the notes of liquorice and violet blend perfectly with the red fruit and spices of the Syrah. In the mouth the explosive full-bodied attack is very typical of a Languedoc wine. It then settles down, delicately becoming harmonious. The tannins are silky and well-rounded. The finish, full of freshness, again expresses liquorice and spices.

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 55%, Syrah 30% and others 15% (Grenache, Mourvèdre, Merlot and Cabernet Franc)

Yields: 40hl/ha

Bottling : Spring/Summer 2009

Alcoholic degree: 13.5 %

Total acidity: 3.25 g/l

PH : 3.7

Residual sugar: < 2g/l

Production : 250,000 bottles

