

Château Lamothe-Cissac, Haut Médoc, Bordeaux, France (150cl.), 2020

Producer Profile

In 1964, Gabriel Fabre purchased the property and took on the task of replanting the entire vineyard site and rebuilding the winery. Vincent Fabre, his son, has since taken over the management of the estate.

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Winemaking

The harvest is 100% destemmed. Modern temperature-controlled vats are used for fermentation, there are perfectly suited for the vinification of fine red Bordeaux wines. Two or three times daily the wine is pumped-over to optimize the colour and tanin extraction from the skins. There is then a maceration of 4-6 weeks. Micro-oxygenation is carried out in vat to improve the tannin structure and colour intensity.

Tasting Note

A traditional style of Bordeaux that has elegance and savoury fruit in abundance. Exhibits a dark ruby colour in the first years. Aerating the wine displays a large spectrum of aromas: notes of red (blackcurrant) and jammy fruits associated with soft spices and subtle vanilla. Well-balanced palate with soft tannins and a very delicate finish. Excellent age worthiness. Cellaring a few years will develop a complex mix of leather, undergrowth and smoky notes.

Food Matching

An excellent companion for grilled meat or after dinner with hard cheeses

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LAMOTHE-CISSAC

DOMAINES FABRE

Technical Details

Varieties:

Cabernet Sauvignon 58%

Merlot 35% Others 7% ABV: 13.5% Closure: Natural cork Colour: Red Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 150cl

Oak Ageing Time: 12 months Type: French % wine oaked: 100