



Château Clarke

Baron Edmond de Rothschild

## 1995 CHÂTEAU CLARKE



### THE STORY

Château Clarke takes its name from the Irish family who bought this estate in 1771. After more than two centuries of wine growing tradition and successive owners, the property was purchased by Baron Edmond de Rothschild in 1973. The vineyard was completely restructured and massive investments were undertaken in order to renovate buildings and improve wine making and storage facilities. With a passion for excellence and the best things in life, the Baron made Clarke a benchmark for the whole region.

### THE VINEYARD

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Llistrac-Medoc

AREA: 55 ha (135.9 acres)

SOILS : Limestone and clay

VINE DENSITY: 7,000 vines/ha

VINE AGE: 20 years

VINE MANAGEMENT: Natural grass cover, double Guyot

HARVEST: Hand-picking and sorting in the vineyard and again in the cellar prior to destemming (35 pickers)

### VINIFICATION

FERMENTATION: The grapes are put into vats via gravity flow, followed by cold soaking and fermentation in both oak and stainless steel tanks. Moderate extraction adapted to each vat by pumping over and delestage (rack and return).

AGING: 16 months, 100% in barrels (one-third new and two-thirds second fill)

ALCOHOL : 14.0%

### TASTING NOTES

Château Clarke 1995 has a beautiful dark purple with some light tile-red tints. The aroma is complex and expressive, with finely smoked leather and liquorice notes. After aerating, the aromatic pallet is enhanced by blackcurrant, plum brandy, pepper and spices notes. On the palate, there is an attack, which gives birth at the same time to suppleness and amplitude, followed by a dense and gorgeous mouth. The finish offers quite a nice structure with a delicious and aromatic persistency.

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