



2012 CHÂTEAU CLARKE

BARON EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD

LISTRAC-MEDOC



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: 70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Listrac-Medoc

AREA: 55 ha (135.9 acres)

SOILS : Limestone and clay

VINE DENSITY: 7,000 vines/ha

VINE AGE: 30 years

VINE MANAGEMENT: Natural grass cover, double Guyot

HARVEST DATES: Merlot from October 8 to October 17; Cabernet Sauvignon from October 17 to October 18.

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

VINIFICATION

FERMENTATION: Cold soaking and fermentation in oak and stainless-steel vats. Automatic temperature control.

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

ALCOHOL : 13.5%

TASTING NOTES

Château Clarke 2012 has a beautiful crimson color with a deep purple rim. Both intense and complex, the nose displays fresh fruit aromas (blackcurrant and black cherry) and elegant oaky nuances, as well as hints of menthol and liquorice with aeration. The wine starts out round and straightforward on the palate. A serious wine, thanks to a rich, concentrated and velvety tannic texture, along with a beautiful acidity that provides balance and freshness.

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