



CHATEAU MALMAISON

2010 CHÂTEAU MALMAISON

BARONNE NADINE DE ROTHSCHILD

MOULIS EN MEDOC



THE STORY

Château Malmaison, in the Moulis-en-Médoc appellation, is one of the oldest estates in the Medoc. Grapes have been grown here, thanks to a handful of different owners and a sizeable religious community, since the Middle Ages. This property, which adjoins Château Clarke, was purchased by Baron de Rothschild in 1978. Thanks to his impetus, the vineyard was restored to its former glory. He named the wine after his spouse, the elegant Baroness Nadine de Rothschild, who is also passionate about gardening. The vineyard now covers 33 hectares (81.54 acres) of clay limestone soil, which is ideal for Merlot, the predominant grape variety. Château Malmaison allies delicacy, suppleness and elegance with a rich and fruity bouquet.

THE VINEYARD

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 80% Merlot; 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Moulis-en-Médoc

AREA: 33 ha (81.54 acres)

SOILS : Limestone and clay with some gravelly plots

VINE DENSITY: 6,600 vines/ha

VINE AGE: 30 years

CULTIVATION: Natural grass cover, double Guyot

HARVEST DATES: Merlot from October 4-15; Cabernet Sauvignon from October 19-20

HARVEST: Hand and mechanical picking with hand selection of the grapes (before and after destemming)

VINIFICATION

FERMENTATION: Cold maceration, vinification in stainless steel tanks. Automatic thermorégulation system. Micro-oxygenation in tank. Malo-lactic fermentation in new french oak barrels.

AGING: 16 months, 30% in new barrels, 70% in second fill barrels

ALCOHOL: 14%

TASTING NOTES

The wine produced by Malmaison allies delicacy, suppleness and elegance with a rich and fruity bouquet. Since 1997, the Baroness Nadine de Rothschild has continued the proud tradition of the estate in accord with the wishes of her husband.

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