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Château Clarke

Baron Edmond de Rothschild

2016 CHÂTEAU CLARKE

ABOUT THE WINERY

This time-honored Lustrac-Medoc Bordeaux property has been growing wine grapes since 1771. Following succession and stewardship by Baron Edmond de Rothschild in 1973, the renewed vision for Chateau Clarke was to become a benchmark Château for the whole region. 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 sophistication, the Baron made Clarke a leader in the appellation.

ABOUT THE WINE

A beautiful crimson color with a deep purple rim. The extremely complex nose presents subtly roasted notes with sappy cedar aromas mingled with notes of black currant and cherry. On the palate, there are velvety tannins enhanced by magnificent freshness through to a long, delightful finish.

With a higher proportion of clay soil than in the rest of the Medoc, the vineyard is mainly planted with Merlot with small plots of Cabernet Sauvignon. Merlot makes up 70% of the blend which brings a more plush and round feel to the palate.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- The nearby Atlantic Ocean gives the terroir a freshness that is reflected in the aromatic brilliance of Merlot, while the graveled plot allows the Cabernet Sauvignon to express its best characteristic of complexity and structure.
- “An atypical and outstanding vintage, with an Indian summer beyond our wildest dreams that produced exceptional fruit suitable for making great wine.” – Fabrice Darmaillacq, Technical Director
- Owned by one of the major wine families in Bordeaux and the World, and exclusively represented in the US market by Wilson Daniels

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varietal Composition: 70% Merlot; 30% Cabernet Sauvignon | **Vine Age:** 30 years old

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

Alcohol: 14%



WINEENTHUSIAST

“This property owned by the Edmond de Rothschild family, has long led the pack in Lustrac. This vintage, still maturing, is an example of the elegance and great style to be expected from the estate, especially in a fine vintage.”

– Roger Voss. October 1, 2022



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