



Château Clarke

Baron Edmond de Rothschild



1998 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: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Lustrac-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: Hand-picking and sorting in the vineyard and again in the cellar prior to destemming.

VINIFICATION

The grapes are handpicked in small 30kg boxes. The harvest is then sorted on sorting tables, prior to destemming and crushing. From there, the berries fall directly into the new small wooden fermenters by gravity. Cold soaking and fermentation follow in both oak and stainless steel tanks. Moderate extraction adapted to each vat by pumping over and delestage (rack and return).

AGING: 60% in new French oak barrels, 40% in year-old barrels

ALCOHOL: 14%

TASTING NOTES

Color: Dense and dark.

Aroma: Notes of blackcurrant and raspberry with balanced contrasting aromas of black pepper and spice.

Palate: Supple mouthfeel with a full midpalate. This wine has a strong tannic structure finishing with nice length and flavors of red fruits and spice.

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