



CHÂTEAU DE MERCUÈS, LES ÉVÊQUES, 2020

Malbec richness

Château de Mercuès was the summer residence of the Bishops and Counts of Cahors since the middle ages, and in 1959 became one of the very first Relais & Châteaux in France. The vineyard is located on the third terraces of the Lot valley, between Caillac and Mercuès, and is planted on an ancient alluvial soil from the Mindel era. The terroir, enriched with clay and silica, combined with high planting density (up to 6666 vines per hectare) offers a great Malbec with velvety nuances. Les Evêques is a cuvée that celebrates the Château's role as a historical place of hospitality, honoring guests for centuries with the rich and velvety tannins of Château de Mercuès

VARIETAL: 90% Malbec, 10% Merlot**COLOR:** Red**REGION:** Occitania**APPELLATION:** AOP Cahors**AGING POTENTIAL:** 15 years**ALCOHOL:** 14%**FORMAT:** 75 cl**CERTIFICATION:** HVE **VINTAGE:** 2020*VINTAGE 2020*

The year 2020 was a "solar" year and this great vintage will be recognized in the future for the remarkable quality of its wines.

The year started with a mild and humid winter, allowing a good replenishment of the water tables. The spring was hot, dry and without frost which led to very early growth in the vineyard. The following summer was particularly dry, with no signs of rain until the return of the summer storms on August 15th, which enabled the grapes to finish ripening and avoid too much hydric stress. These positive conditions meant that the vines needed far less treatment than normal.

VINIFICATION & MATURATION

Pre-fermentation maceration, long pumping over.

Aged for 12 months in 400 litres barrels (of which maximum 20% is new wood) for 40% of the volume. 60% of the volume is aged in stainless steel tanks to preserve the freshness and fruit.

Aged for another 12 months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

"A clear purple robe reveals velvety tannins, accompanied by notes of crisp fruits and tobacco. The wine's power is meticulously controlled for a remarkable aromatic persistence."



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