# LABASTIDE DAUZAC 2022





## PLOT-BY-PLOT SELECTION

Produced on predominantly clayey plots conducive to the expression of Merlot grapes and the verve of Cabernet Sauvignon, Labastide Dauzac is characterised by its elegance and fruitiness.

The 2022 vintage will be remembered by all. The particularly mild winter led to a very early budburst. Frosts were avoided during the cool nights of April. Once again, the Gironde estuary served as a protector for Château Dauzac's vineyard. Flowering began around May 15<sup>th</sup> in ideal weather conditions, but the end of flowering was marked by violent storms. Fortunately, the vineyard was spared from hail. This last rainy episode then gave way to a very hot and dry summer. The drought was the most concerning element of this vintage. Herbal teas applied regularly to the vines helped them to strengthen their resistance and cope with this climate. August only rain helped the vines to complete their veraison. The harvest took place under exceptional weather conditions from September 5<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. The overall yield was small due to the lack of water but the remarkable quality will make the 2022 vintage one of the greatest ever known in Bordeaux.



#### APPELLATION

Margaux

**BLEND** 

60 % Merlot, 36 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 4 % Petit Verdot

#### GROWING SURFACE AREA

42 hectares

SOIL TYPE

Gravelly hilltops, predominantly clayey

### ROOTSTOCKS

101-14, Riparia Gloire and 3309

### FERTILISER

Organic

#### PLANT DENSITY

10,000 vine stocks per hectare

#### AVERAGE AGE OF VINES

35-40 years

#### TYPE OF PRUNING

Double Guyot system with de-budding

#### HARVESTING

By hand in small crates and table sorting before and after destemming

### VINIFICATION

Use of a gravity-flow cellar to supply the fermenting room

#### ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION

In temperature-controlled, insulated stainless steel. Fermentation temperature 28°C

#### MALOLACTIC

Yes

#### **FINING**

If needed, with plant proteins

#### **AGEING**

45 % in French oak barrels (of which 20 % are new) and 55 % in French oak tanks for 12 months

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

14 % Vol.

# TASTING COMMENTS

The nose is fruity and intense. The fruits on the palate is crunchy and carried by silky tannins.

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

At its best between 3 and 15 years of age, can keep up to 15-20 years

# 100 % VEGAN CERTIFIED WINE PRODUCTION





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Pure and succulent fruit here with violets and crushed stone minerality.



91

A classic old school style Margaux



88-90

The iudicious use of new oak lends freshness.

Neal Martin



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