

LABASTIDE DAUZAC

2023

PLOT-BY-PLOT SELECTION

CHÂTEAU
DAUZAC
MARGAUX
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



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 vines got off to an earlier start than in recent decades. This year, spring frosts were mild and spared our plots. The warmer-than-average spring allowed us to enjoy a magnificent flowering period, which began at the end of May. Until early summer, weather conditions were mild and very humid. This equation meant that our teams had to keep a watchful eye on the plants. Different herbal teas are used for each treatment to reinforce the vine's defenses, thus effectively protecting our vineyard. Veraison begins slowly at the end of the first half of July and ends at the beginning of August. Radically different from July, the weather in August becomes dry, with normally warm temperatures. Conditions intensify in September, with several weeks above 40°C coupled with hot nights. We began harvesting our plots on September 11th and finished on the 27th under optimal weather conditions. The juices are concentrated and rich, but with excellent acidity that will guarantee great ageing potential.



APPELLATION

Margaux

BLEND

58% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Petit Verdot

GROWING SURFACE AREA

42 hectares

SOIL TYPE

Gravelly hilltops, predominantly clayey

ROOTSTOCKS

101-14, Riparia Gloire et 3309

FERTILISER

Organic

PLANT DENSITY

10 000 pieds à l'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

13,5% Vol.

TASTING COMMENTS

Labastide 2023 is bright red with purple highlights, revealing an intense, fruity nose. The palate is enveloping and well-constructed, with silky tannins and well-integrated woody notes.

AGEING POTENTIAL

In its best years from 3 to 15 years, at its peak between 15 and 20 years

100% VEGAN CERTIFIED WINE PRODUCTION



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LA RIGUEUR DU MATHÉMATICIEN ET L'EXPERTISE DES TERROIRS

92-93/100

La
TulipeRouge
LE GUIDE NUMÉRIQUE DES VINS

90/100

VertdeVin
MAGAZINE & WEBSITE FOR WINE & SPIRITS LOVERS

91-92/100

«The nose is beautifully developed, fruity and precise, offering aromatic depth, intensity, precision and lovely aromatic complexity. There are notes of pulpy/juicy raspberry, small pulpy red berries and, to a lesser extent, juicy blackberry, combined with touches of blackcurrant, a hint of crushed strawberry and fine floral notes, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is beautifully juicy, fruity and well-balanced, with a tangy structure, precision, tension, deliciousness, lovely sapidity and a lot of deliciousness. Nicely conducted. Explosive, fresh fruit. Lovely tannic and sapid structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of violet, fresh blackcurrant and, to a lesser extent, plump redcurrants, combined with hints of juicy cherry and hints of tobacco, blueberry, liquorice stick and a hint of salt. Good length. Attractive mellowness and sapidity on the finish.»
Jonathan Chicheportiche April 2024

ALEXANDRE MA®

90-92/100

«Due to its gravelly clay soil composition, Labastide 2023 allows a predominantly Merlot wine to display a robust tannic framework. Similar to its Grand Vin counterpart, this wine ingeniously utilizes its rounded and sweet sensations to enrich its body, rendering its strength virtually imperceptible. From my perspective, Labastide 2023 embodies the archetype of a muscular wine with broad shoulders but a tender heart.»

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