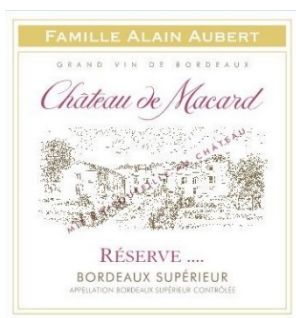


CHÂTEAU DE MACARD « Réserve » 2018

Bordeaux Supérieur



ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

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SINGLE VINEYARD

Altitude: 70.15 m

45 yrs. old vines on average,
with the oldest cabernet franc

vines over 100 yrs. old

Limestone & clay soil

Yield: 40 hL/ha

BLEND

60% Cabernet Franc

30% Merlot

10% Cabernet Sauvignon

FARMING

Traditional

WINEMAKING

4 – 5 days of Fermentation

20 – 25 days of Maceration

AGING

+/- 18 months, 50% in

Stainless steel tanks & 50% in

oak

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

Château de Macard's 2018 "Réserve," opens with a symphony of aromas full of dark fruits like cherries and a mixture of berries. Then, the accents of tobacco, violets, charcoal, and minerals explode to bring shape to the cuvée. The medium to full body of the wine envelopes the palate with beautiful velvety tannins. It is then accented by a vein of acidity which carries its freshness into a long finish.

The 2018 growing season had a challenging start. In its first half the region was met with incredibly wet conditions which led to a massive, regional attack of mildew. However, from mid-July through the harvest, the vineyards bathed in hot, sunny weather. This gave winemakers to pick their fruits whenever they felt like the fruits had achieved their expectation. Later picked fruit created more tannic, richer wines, while the earlier fruits created fresher, and slightly lighter cuvées. This vintage is full of diverse character and style yet doesn't stray from the idea of quality one bit. This year produced excellent wines "from the simplest Bordeaux to the great names. This is a sign of an exceptional year." (James Suckling)

On a rocky plateau overlooking the Dordogne River, just upstream from Saint-Émilion, in the village of Pessac-sur-Dordogne, a parcel of Cabernet Franc vines up to 100 years dig roots deep into the clay-limestone soils. The vines sit on the same south-facing clay and limestone slope as the greats of Saint-Émilion, a soil very suited to grape vines, with moderate water intake and mineral richness supplied by the limestone.

The Alain Aubert family come from the winemaking tradition of Bordeaux's Right Bank. For several decades now, Alain, his wife Bernadette, and their three daughters have fine-tuned and perfected their craft. To celebrate their achievements, their US importer and close friend, Serge Doré, collaborated to create this special and exclusive set of new labels and wines, all proudly bearing the "Famille Alain Aubert" banner across the top to honor the work of the family.

ACCOLADES

2018 International Wine Report: **92**

2018 Wine Enthusiast: **90**

"This wine is dominated by fruit from century-old Cabernet Franc vines. Tannins and dark coffee flavors are prominent in this concentrated wine with a mineral edge. The youth of the wine is increased by its dry edge of extraction. Let the wine soften and drink from 2022." -W.E.

