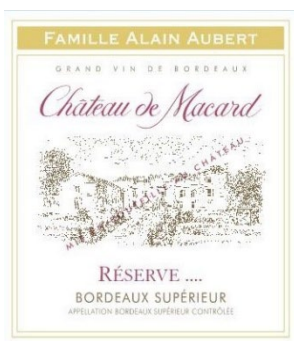


CHÂTEAU DE MACARD « Réserve » 2020

Bordeaux Supérieur « Single Estate »

GPS: Lat: 44.826247; Long: 0.101245



ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

Bordeaux Supérieur

SINGLE ESTATE

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

Oak-aged for +/- 14 months

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13.5% Alc. |

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.

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.

A blend of 60% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot, the Chateau de Macard "RESERVE" 2020 expresses a gently toasty bouquet with aromas of graphite, licorice, smoke and sweet cherries. It is medium to full-bodied, layered, and textural, long and penetrating with a tense finish due to its content of its Cabernet Franc from 100 years old vine.

2020 in Bordeaux the heat and rainfall pattern produced an interesting paradox. The 2020 vintage was clearly very warm. The first part of the year, which induced the early flowering, was significantly warmer than 2018 or 2019, but the heart of the summer was very marginally cooler. Taken as a whole, 2020 was as warm as the baking 2018, but not as intensely hot during the summer. Yet the intensity of the rainfall (received as cloudbursts rather than prolonged rain) has given 2020 the highest amount of rainfall between March and September of the past decade, even more than the soggy 2013 and more than 15% above the 30-year average. The 2020 Bordeaux vintage has ended up being a really good year with wines of outstanding potential.

ACCOLADES

2020 International Wine Report: **91**

The 2020 Château de Macard 'Reserve' opens with inviting aromas of cherries and red plums which are woven together with earthy minerals and spices. This medium-bodied red has a velvety texture with a lovely touch of underlying acidity at its core keeping it fresh through the finish. A lovely wine to approach now or with a touch more bottle age.

2020 Wine Enthusiast: **89**

2019 International Wine Report: **92**

2018 International Wine Report: **92**

