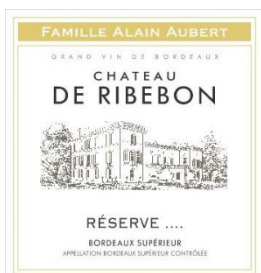


CHÂTEAU DE RIBEBON « Réserve » 2020

Bordeaux Supérieur « Single Estate »

GPS: Lat: 44.826247; Long: 0.101245



ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

SINGLE ESTATE

Altitude: 69.98 m

60 yrs. old vines on average,
with some that are over 100
yrs. old

Limestone & clay soil

Yield: 35 hl/ha

BLEND

50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet
Franc

FARMING

Sustainable farming
practiced

WINEMAKING

4 – 5 days of Fermentation
20 – 25 days of Maceration

AGING

Oak-aged for +/- 14
months

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13.5% Alc. |

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with grilled meats such
as beef, duck, venison, etc.

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.

The old Cabernet Franc vines thrive in this limestone plateau as it is expressed in the wine as a refined elegance and sophistication. The Merlot is completely in its element in the clay soils, showing in the wine as exalted, rich fruit and a poised counterpoint to the structure and tannins of Cabernet Sauvignon. This tannic structure is at the same time rendered more subtle and delicate by the limestone. Under oak-aged for +/- 14 months, this wine is the quintessential marriage of elegance and balance.

Alain Aubert and his team have produced a beautifully pure, perfumed 2020 that bursts with aromas of blackberries, tobacco, dry spices, toasty and mineral undertones. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and fleshy, this outstanding wine is perfectly balanced on the palate with velvety tannins and a bright, saline finish. This is one of the very best Château de Ribebon "RESERVE" produced to date, and it benefits from the sort of careful winemaking normally reserved for Cru Classé.

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 – 92 points

The 2020 Château De Ribebon Bordeaux Supérieur Reserfve begins with aromatics of cherries and plums, which come together with tobacco, iron, spices and tobacco nuances all taking shape. On the palate this is medium-bodied and polished and velvety. It possesses a lovely texture and that carries it into the finish. While this should continue to age well over the course of the next decade, it is drinking beautifully right now.

2020 Wine Enthusiast – 90 points

2019 International Wine Report – 92 points

2018 International Wine Report – 92 points

