

GEORGES VIGOUROUX CHÂTEAU DE MERCUÈS GRAND VIN



Malbec and Merlot. Very dark red color with purplish-red nuances. Aromas of red fruit, spice and vanilla. Very rich on the palate with flavors of candied cherry and sweet spice underpinned by powerful tannins and elegant, understated oak. An extremely well made wine: rich, intense and subtle, with a great combination of fruit and spice. An ideal match with refined dishes such as a pasty-covered pot of pollack, chanterelle mushroom tempura, red mullet in a salt crust, and roast breast of duck.

The vineyard is planted in a superb silty-clay terroir ideal for wine growing. The vines are located on the third terraces of the Cahors valley and its density is extremely high with 6666 vines/ha. On those vineyards, we selected the best rows. Wines from each plot are kept separate in order to fine tune the final blend and pumping over is done to extract the best possible tannin from the Malbec grape skins. The wine is aged 12 months in cool, dark cellars, partly in new Allier oak barrels.

For four generations, the "black wine" has been flowing through the Vigouroux family's veins. Owners of 360 acres of vineyards in Southwestern France, the Vigouroux family are the specialists in France when it comes to producing Malbec wines. Georges Vigouroux was the third generation to head up the Vigouroux wine brokerage firm, originally started in 1887. Georges was the first to develop sales of bottled wine in the 1960's, but his heart was in the vineyards. In 1971 he planted his first vines in Cahors. Since then he has worked ceaselessly to promote the Malbec wines of Cahors, and eventually came to oversee four different domaines. Since 1989 Georges' son, Bertrand-Gabriel, has worked alongside his father. With a training in oenology and management he brought a new level of attention and refinement to the vineyard and to cellar techniques. In 2000, he took over the daily running of the firm from his father. Now Bertrand-Gabriel manages the estates with the same passion as his father, maintaining tradition while introducing innovative methods.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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