VIGNOBLES BRUMONT PETIT TORUS MADIRAN

Tannat, Cabernet-Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc. Garnet color tinged with ruby. Aromas of blackcurrant and blackberry with notes of toast and spices. Flavors of red berries and juicy black fruits, black pepper & fruit coulis. Fleshy, rich and smooth. Thirst-quenching and pleasant with soft tannins and a note of bitterness on the finish. It will perfectly go with a buffet of tapas, meats, dark poultry, barbecue and salads.

The grapes come from Vignobles Brumont's Châteaux Montus and Châteaux Bouscassé. The soil in the vineyards is made up of calcareous clay and pebbles. The vines are young (15 years) and the grapes are hand harvested and selected. Cold maceration for several days followed by fermentation in temperature controlled vats for 2-3 weeks. Aging in stainless steel tanks for one year on fine lees. In the cellar there is no pumping-over during fermentation, just punching-down and treading, a process now done by robot. Only the free-run juice is used in order to ensure finesse and elegant tannins.

Alain Brumont inherited Chateau Bouscassé from his father in 1979, and just a year later purchased Chateau Montus. In 1985 he produced his first vintage of Montus Prestige, a 100% Tannat wine that astonished the critics. He now farms almost 495 acres, over 4 different properties. Two thirds of the vineyard surface is covered in native herbs and plants, only cut back after they have flowered and re-seeded. The goal is a richly diverse ecosystem. The rows are oriented to give maximum exposure to both sides of the vine, with the sun overhead at 3p.m. to eliminate roasting the berries. Each vine receives 5 to 7 interventions, with de-budding, leaf-thinning and green harvest where needed. Alain Brumont has single-handedly proved that world-class wines can be made in Madiran.

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