

# CHÂTEAU DOURTHE ESSENCE DE DOURTHE

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Essence de Dourthe vines currently account for 34.5 acres selected by virtue of their unique profile; whether the ideal varietal-soil mix, or for vines that are in their prime. In this way, the vineyard is managed on a strictly vine by vine basis. Each plant is effectively considered as a specific entity, benefiting from a highly individualized regime in a bid to produce grapes of the finest quality. Over the course of the year, a single vine may see as many as 50 interventions completed in the vineyard before harvest time. In order to pick the grapes at optimum ripeness, their advancement is constantly monitored through analyses, tastings, and careful scrutiny. This extremely rigorous process means that harvesting is painstakingly managed, in successive passages through the vines. After harvest, the grapes are destemmed, sorted and transferred by hand to small-capacity oak or stainless-steel tanks for pre-fermentation cold maceration. The winemaking process is handled with the utmost care in order to attain absolute purity and the finest expression of the terroir. Matures for 12 months in new oak barrels in the cellars of each property. From the initial 280 barrels, only 24 are retained. To hone the wine to perfection, the final blend is aged for a further 10 months in one-year-old barrels in Dourthe's cellars.

The Dourthe family has been passionate about the vineyards of Bordeaux for more than 175 years. In 1840, Pierre Dourthe, who was a hotelier in Lit-et-Mixe (a village located in the South of Bordeaux), opens a wine merchant business. Dourthe soon became recognized as a reliable, innovative wine producer in Bordeaux, who provides the benchmark in winemaking. This pioneering spirit can be witnessed at every stage of their history and the Dourthe name is associated throughout the world with the great wines of Bordeaux. They are passionate about viticulture in tune with the soil and microclimate, winemaking that harnesses the typical character of each terroir and each of the region's iconic grape varieties, and ever committed to a creative, honest and daring blending philosophy.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*

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