


CHÂTEAU DE HAUTE-SERRE, ICÔNE, 2020

The quintessence of French Malbecs

The Château de Haute-Serre stands at an altitude of 300 meters at the crossroads of the Parc régional des Causses du Quercy and the Cahors appellation. Among the highest and rarest densities of the plateau, the vines draw nourishment from the unique clay-limestone siderolithic soil from the Kimmeridgian, enriched with blue clay and iron concretions. This cuvée Icône comes from the vineyard plot 107, south-west facing and planted at a high density (6065p/ha). The bunches are carefully hand selected and hand picked (5 bunches per vine).

VARIETAL: 100% Malbec	AGING POTENTIAL: 20 years	REGION: Occitanie
APPELLATION: AOP Cahors	COLOR: Red	ALCOHOL: 14 %
FORMAT: 75 cl	CERTIFICATION: HVE 	VINTAGE: 2020

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The year 2020 was a “solar” year and this great vintage will be recognized in the future for the remarkable quality of its wines.

The year started with a mild and humid winter, allowing a good replenishment of the water tables. The spring was hot, dry and without frost which led to very early growth in the vineyard. The following summer was particularly dry, with no signs of rain until the return of the summer storms on August 15th, which enabled the grapes to finish ripening and avoid too much hydric stress. These positive conditions meant that the vines needed far less treatment than normal.

VINIFICATION & MATURATION

- Cold pre-fermentation and maceration.
- Long fermentation for tailor-made extractions.
- Aged for 18 months in 225 litres barrels, 50% of which are new.
- Since 2018, 20% is aged in 7hl amphorae.
- 30 months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

"Very dark colour, almost black, with purple highlights. Intense aromas of ripe black fruit mixed with morello cherry, cocoa and coconut on the nose. On the palate, the softness and elegance of the silky tannins impress with their incredible finesse."

Georges Vigouroux

