

Château Rocher Cap de Merle



VINTAGE	2012
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Bordeaux Supérieur
VARIETAL	80% Merlot 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Cabernet Franc
TERROIR	Sandy gravelly soils. Gravelly subsoil.
INFO	1 Ha(2.41 Acres) single plot Hand harvested Aged 100% in 1 to 3 year old French oak barrels
	Sustainable Agriculture Practices (Organic practices)

About the Estate:

The very small 1-hectare (2.41 acres) vineyard of Château ROCHER CAP de MERLE belongs to Philippe DURAND (owner of Chateau ROCHER CORBIN in Montagne Saint-Emilion) and is situated in the commune of Les Artigues de Lussac, in the Lussac Saint-Emilion Appellation.

The wines are grown and vinified using Sustainable Agriculture practices, including green covering, very short pruning, and leaves removed once or twice a year depending on the vintage. The grapes are hand-harvested first manual selection of the grapes before de-stemming, use of vibrating sorting table after the staking to eliminate the small withered berries, and a second manual sorting of each berry, if necessary, to eliminate any possible remaining stems. Pre-cold maceration and five-week maceration in thermo-regulated tanks. Micro-aeration and part of the malo-lactic fermentation is done in oak barrels. The aging is slightly different than the Rocher Corbin, aged in 2 and 3-year-old barrels for only 10 to 12 months.

Château ROCHER CAP de MERLE is simply a "baby" ROCHER CORBIN, a niche wine and confidential production of no more than 600cs a year and even twice lower with the 2012 vintage, meaning even more concentration and deepness, color and expression! A niche limited production only devoted to two or three of our markets. Sold by allocation... really, and constant accounts tasting notes under are "expressive"!

Tasting Notes:

"Very expressive in the nose with notes of brambleberry, black berry, cassis and violet. The palate is dense and balanced with round svelte tannins. "

"Nose of dark fruits –plums, cherries, currants and black raspberries – along with spicy oak notes. This richness is confirmed by the ample palate showing fine, silky tannins & terrific length."

Press Review:

Soon to come.