

La BABBLER

Château Lauduc



Illustration: Anton Peitersen

VINTAGE	2020
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Bordeaux
VARIETAL	82% Merlot 15% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	14 %
TERROIR	Limestone-clay, gravels
INFO	115 Ha (277 Acres) total vineyard & 10 Ha (25 Acres) 35 year old vines devoted to Le Babbler! Pre-cold maceration Aging in concrete tanks & part of the oldest vines Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon for 12 months in 1 to 3 year old 400 L French oak barrels .
	Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HVE 3, farm certified having high environmental value

About the Estate:

Château LAUDUC is a 4th generation family estate, now run by brothers Régis & Hervé GRANDEAU. The 115 Hectare vineyard of Château LAUDUC is located on the highest hillsides of the commune of Tresses, only 10km away from downtown Bordeaux. Mindful of the health of the soils and the vines, the estate is in the process of organic conversion. Various terroirs of limestone-clay, siliceous, and gravelly soils with excellent exposure are particularly well adapted to achieve perfect ripeness. Once harvested at their best maturity, the grapes are vinified in a modern cellar with thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks used to extract soft tannins and deep color, respecting the true expression of the fruit.

For Le Babbler, a 3 to 4 days pre-cold maceration process is done to gently extract color and taste from the skin. Alcoholic fermentation is maintained between 26 to 29°C. The wine is then pumped over the marc with aeration twice a day and fermented 15 to 21 days. A natural and slow refining process is used under cold temperatures during the winter. 12 months aging in equal mix of stainless steel and 400 Liters French oak "foudres" for the oldest Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon vines.

This is our 3rd vintage of the fresh and charming Le BABBBLER! We took time and pleasure with multiple visits at the estate to find the perfect blend for the anticipated 2020 vintage...

Le Babbler?

"**Fun and Fancy free** - Le Babbler is meant to inspire one to babble on and on about anything that brings joy." Bowler Wine

"It's all pleasantries, deadlines and expectations until that bear stares you down in the forest, remember to stand tall, wave your hands and sing" Ben Molinari

Inspiring & joyful wine, name, label... and "In the bottle, you'll find poetry, art and inspired conversation". A little Bordeaux "revolution" & value we are so honored to have sourced for Bowler Wine, National US import & distribution.

Tasting Notes:

Deep but expressive and easy on the nose at the same time, juicy with floral hints, with ripe notes from the Merlot. Round, silky and fleshy on the palate, with generous dark fruits, warm plums and licorice. Charming with a length of soft spices. It's simply "Bordeaux as we love it".

Press Review: "A richly textured wine, with licorice & spice aromas, is ripe with black fruits & generous tannins. The wine was lightly wood aged giving a polished edge to the structure". Roger Voss **Best Buy** Wine Enthusiast.