

The Definitive Collection

Ortus de Château Bélingard 2016

Appellation: Côtes de Bergerac Rouge
AOC

Terroir: Limestone and clay grounds on hillsides vineyard located on the left bank of the Dordogne Valley

Blend: 60 % of Merlot, 15 % Cabernet Sauvignon, and 25 % Malbec

Weather conditions: The climate of year 2016 was particularly disturbed. The soft and wet winter was followed by an exceptionally rainy and cold spring. In the other hand, 9 weeks without a drop of water during the summer allowed uncertainty to persist on the capacity of the vineyard to resist the drought.

Fortunately some welcome rains in September allowed vineyards rooted well to swell and mature grapes perfectly. No climatic incident disrupted the life of the plant during the year contrary to what was able to take place in many other French wine-producing regions.

The harvest begun September 20th took place in optimal conditions allowing to pick very beautiful grapes.

Wine making / Ageing: Produced only the perfect years, it is about a selection of old vineyards "with great qualities ". After the harvest and the de-steaming with sorting on the sorting table grapes are put into tanks during 24 or 28 days. At the end of the alcoholic fermentation, the wine is matured in French Oak barrels (50 % of new oak barrels) including the malolactic fermentation. Then an 18 months barrel ageing has been done with racking every 3 months. After this time, the wine has been bottled thanks to our facilities.

Tasting: Ortus shows a beautiful deep color with dark purple reflections. Very intense nose of red berries, flowers and vanilla opens the full bodied style on the palate with a very silky texture of tannins, a great concentration of red fruits and a magnificent long lasting return of fruit.

Laying down: 8/10 years & more

Food Pairing: between 17 / 18°C with roasted meats, duck, goose or turkey, T bone steak games, cheese...or just as a drink to enjoy.

His Latin name expresses this notion of foundation but also historic continuity: "Hortus deorum quo Ortus be ", stemming from the Garden of the Gods. "Ortus" of Chateau Belingard symbolizes a little our wedding dream between power and femininity.

