

Château de Haute-Serre

The estate's winegrowing history goes back to the Middle Ages, when it belonged to the Abbey of Lagarde Dieu in the Tarn-et-Garonne department. Their vineyard holdings at the time covered nearly 1,000 hectares.

Several religious wars later, and never ceasing to produce wine, Château de Haute-Serre had a place on honour on the menu of an 1889 gala dinner alongside the likes of Château Margaux and wines from Pommard.

This is a great, prestigious wine, and a standard for the appellation. However, the vineyard did not escape the phylloxera crisis in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The vines were completely ravaged and left to revert to their natural state.

In 1970, Georges Vigouroux appeared on the scene. The first vintage of the resuscitated Château de Haute-Serre was in 1975, after five long years spent renovating the estate.

APPELLATION Cahors AOC

VARIETALS Malbec - Merlot - Tannat

VINEYARD SURFACE 60 hectares

AVERAGE WINES AGES 30 y.o

TERROIR - VINIFICATION

A place bathed in sunshine from the start of the day... a stony soil with red clay... an excellent southwest and southeast-facing sun exposure – an ideal location for growing Malbec!

The 58 hectares of vines grow on slopes with clay soil at an altitude of 300 metres – one of the highest vineyards in the appellation. The wine is left for a long time on the skins, and fermentation is rigorously temperature-controlled. It is aged for 10-12 months in new oak barrels.

TASTING

Very dark colour with crimson highlights and a wonderfully complex and powerful bouquet of morello cherry, blackcurrant, and spice. The freshness and fruitiness on the nose carry over beautifully to the palate, which has a long, silky aftertaste.

FOOD & WINE PAIRINGS

An ideal accompaniment to all sorts of meat and game. However, its elegant tannin, roundness, and silkiness also make this one of the rare great Cahors that successfully accompanies foie gras and fish.

AWARDS

2008 - Gold medal Concours Grands Vins de France Mâcon

2008 - Bronze medal Concours de Paris

2008 - 90/100 Weinwirtschaft (All)

2008 - 91/100 Wine Enthusiast (USA)

2007 - Silver medal Concours de Mâcon

2006 - 91 Wine Enthusiast (USA),

2006 - 89/100 Weinwirtschaft (All)

2005 - 16/20 RVF

2005 - 1 star in Guide Hachette des Vins

2005 - Bronze medal Decanter



GEORGES VIGOUROUX

CRÉATEUR DE GRANDS MALBEC S

In Quercy, everything that is precious is black... starting with the local wine, called « The black wine of Cahors » by the English in the Middle Ages.

For four generations, this «Vin Noir» has flowed in our family's veins, and been the object of all our efforts in the historic Cahors vineyards. In love with this grape variety – its history, its aromatics, and its deep black colour – we have made it our leitmotif from father to son, perpetuating our know-how and values since 1887.



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