



EVERY BOTTLE



TELLS A STORY

CHÂTEAU BALAC



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Sub-Region	Cru Bourgeois, Left Bank, Haut-Médoc
Producer	Paul Martin
Vintage	2014
Composition	50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc
Certifications	Sustainable
Press	90 points Wine Enthusiast

WINEMAKER NOTES

Settled since 1964 on this 20 hectares wine estate, the Touchais family is trying to bring to its wine so much character and elegance as Victor Louis (Architect of Bordeaux Theater) made him by building in the XVIIIth century the chartreuse of the domain. Lionel, 3rd generation, winemaker from Bordeaux University, took the technical management of the winery since 2005.

TASTING NOTES

Fruity notes associated with woody aromas. A ruby red color with purple nuances shows the youth of this wine. The nose combines fruity notes with roasted, and coffee notes. A dense and fleshy mouth supported by flexible and silky tannins. The finale, long & persistent, gives evidence of the beautiful balance of this vintage.

VINEYARD

- *Area:* 20 hectares
- *Average Age of Vines:* 25 years old
- *Soil:* Gravels, sandy limestone, and clayish limestone

VITICULTURE

Sustainable growing methods are used, including the use of natural fertilizers, vines planted with grass, and mechanical and chemical maintenance on the vine plants. Hand harvested only.

VINIFICATION

Preservation of elegance and fruity notes of the tannins are paramount during vinification. The extraction is adapted to each vintage. Vatted for one month, then aged in French oak barrels (new, 1, 2 and 3 year old barrels are used) for 12 months.



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- *Production: 66,000 bottles*

PRESS

"Great butts and intense black fruits as well as an almost black color are the result. The wine is solid, structured and likely to need time to be ready to drink. Keep until 2021." - *90 points, Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast*
