



CHÂTEAU LASCOMBES

SECOND GRAND CRU CLASSE MARGAUX



Château Lascombes 2017

AOC Margaux, Deuxième Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux, France

Combining power and elegance and an unctuous and tannin-rich texture, Château Lascombes is a complex wine. In its youth, it always has an amazingly deep colour. On the palate, finesse and a rich texture combine with very stylish fine-grained tannins.

Gradually over the years, Château Lascombes should be enjoyed again and again so as to fully appreciate its complexity of flavour and to see how its structure has developed a more and more suave mouth-feel.

PRESENTATION

Château de Lascombes, is a second growth classified of Medoc in 1855. On the Margaux Appellation this wine is made with mostly merlot by two great wine makers : Dominique Befve, General Manager of the winery and Michel Rolland, internationally known wine maker.

THE VINTAGE

En ce printemps 2017, la végétation s'était réveillée précocement suite à un hiver doux et sec. De jolis bourgeons nous promettaient un rendement correct mais la nature en a alors décidé autrement en cette terrible nuit du 26 au 27 avril 2017. La moitié de notre récolte s'est évanouie en quelques heures seulement...

Passé ce terrible constat, nous nous sommes occupés de notre faible récolte et nos vigneron ont porté une attention toute particulière aux pieds gelés qui ont nécessité beaucoup de soins durant toute la saison.

La floraison s'est heureusement déroulée dans de bonnes conditions et l'été s'est montré favorable à un état sanitaire impeccable et à une maturation homogène et idéale des baies. En revanche, le mois de septembre fut capricieux et les premières grappes ont été coupées le 20 septembre. Le 5 octobre, nous achevions les vendanges sans avoir rempli toutes les cuves de notre cuvier...

Les fermentations se sont déroulées rapidement. Les merlots étaient ronds et fruités tandis que les cabernets sauvignons se révélaient frais et élégants. L'assemblage final du Château Lascombes 2017 donne un vin fruité, concentré avec des tanins enrobés. La longueur en bouche est appréciable et permettra un bon potentiel de garde.

LOCATION

The Château Lascombes vineyard stretches over 112 hectares within the Margaux appellation. This is nowadays one of the vastest growth classified in 1855.

TERROIR

The parcels making up the property display an interesting geological variety consisting of three main categories : argillaceous limestone and argillaceous gravel suitable for growing Merlot, argillaceous gravel and gravel for Cabernet Sauvignon and gravel for Petit Verdot.

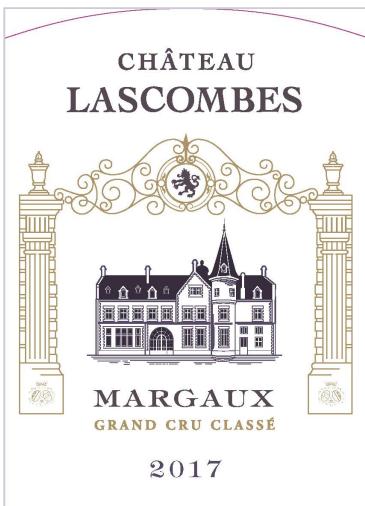
IN THE VINEYARD

Elimination of lateral vine shoots

De-leafing on both sides : June /July

Bunch thinning : end of July

Grapes are entirely hand-picked in ten-kilo crates



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WINEMAKING

Sorting before and after de-stemming to obtain “zero defect”
 Light crushing of the grapes before going into vats
 Cold maceration for around 10 days at 8°C
 Alcoholic fermentation : from October, 1st to October 23th
 Traditional vinification with a daily gentle pumping over
 Vatting duration : 30 to 40 days
 Running off : from October 24 th to November 09 th
 Malolactic fermentations in barrels : from November 05 th to December 06 th

AGEING

Stirring on the lees for four months with the Oxoline rack system
 1st racking planned in April
 Traditional ageing in 50% new oak barrels

VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 57%, Merlot 40%, Petit verdot 3%

SERVING

The Château Lascombes should be served between 17 and 18°C.
 In its first years, it can be aerated one hour before serving in order to free all its aromas.

AGEING POTENTIAL

10 à 15 ans

FOOD PAIRINGS

The power and elegance of this great wine calls tasty and savoury meat dishes : game, beef, grilled lamb, roasted or with sauce.
 The Château Lascombes also can be tasted at the end of meals with certain cheeses like : Saint Nectaire, Brie de Meaux or Langres.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK

90-92

"Loads of plums, spice, exotic flowers, and damp earth jump from the glass of the 2017 Château Lascombes. Possessing sweet tannin, surprisingly ripe, concentrated fruit, a seductive texture, and medium to full body, it's a classic Margaux from this vintage that can be drunk young or cellared for 15-20 years."

Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck



92-95

"The medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Lascombes gives up lovely scents of roses and lavender over a core of kirsch, crushed black plums and black raspberries with a waft of cinnamon stick. Medium-bodied with a rock-solid frame of firm, ripe, grainy tannins, it has a great core of muscular fruit and lingering spicy notes on the finish."

Wine Advocate

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