



LE PETIT MOUTON DE MOUTON ROTHSCHILD

Second Wine of Château Mouton Rothschild, AOC Pauillac

THE 2013 VINTAGE

Climatic conditions

2013 will be remembered for its changeable and capricious weather. A cold and damp winter followed by a cool and wet spring held back the vegetation cycle and affected flowering.

In striking contrast, July and August were particularly hot and sunny, with considerably less rainfall than the average. Peak temperatures of 38° C caused violent storms in late July. The water shortage continued in September, encouraging the grapes to ripen evenly. The Cabernets were promising and overall the grapes achieved satisfactory sugar levels with good potential acidity.

The harvest at Mouton Rothschild was completed in record time between 30 September and 9 October with exceptional help from Baron Philippe de Rothschild employees, who were invited to come and swell the ranks of the regular pickers. Over 130 staff members responded to the appeal and on 9 October, 695 meals were served in the harvesters' refectory, an all-time record!

Sorted with painstaking care, the grapes were transported from the picking baskets to the gravity-fed vats in the magnificent Mouton Rothschild vat room. In a major innovation, transparent staves in the vats enabled technical staff to observe the vinification process in minute detail.

Although yields were among the lowest of the last 40 years, draconian selection ensured high quality.

The 2013 vintage has been tended, fashioned and fine-tuned so as to get the very best out of the grapes.

Harvest 30 September to 9 October

Varietal mix Cabernet Sauvignon 93%
Merlot 7%

Tasting notes

A dense, intense and deep crimson with glittering highlights, Petit Mouton 2013 has an elegant and expressive nose of red fruit with spice notes.

The attack is upbeat, on mature and crisp tannins, while well-integrated oak reveals cocoa and vanilla flavours.

Silky and well-balanced, the wine lingers on a fresh, succulent finish marked by a touch of sweetness.