

# CLOS DE BOÜARD

The wine has a beautiful deep and dense color, the nose is intense on the fresh ripe fruits (strawberry and cherry), notes of smoke, sweet spices and an elegant floral character. A gourmand wine, charming and harmonious with rich and silky tannins. The finish is intense, long and fresh. Accessible in its youth thanks to its balance, the precision of its tannins and its tension, this vintage has a great potential of custody for the most patients.

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Château Clos de Boüard has 30 hectares (74 acres) of well-oriented land in the former village of Parsac, which was historically reputed for the abundance and quality of its exceptional clay-limestone terroirs. The property lies close to the Saint-Émilion Grands Crus Classés and other top quality estates, such as Fombrauge, Laroque, Rochevron, Croix de Labrie, Château Louis, Fleur Cardinale, Valandraud and Troplong Mondot. It boasts an enviably biodiverse eco-system and a large number of old vines. The vineyard is currently being restructured with the aim of making top quality velvety wines with silky tannins that lend free expression to their fruit, and are as elegant, tasty and fresh as they can possibly be; wines that epitomise the family skills and know-how.



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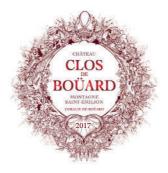
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#### THE UNEXPECTED 2017 VINTAGE!

After waking up early, this vintage ended with a harvest that was spread over several weeks, starting with the Merlot in September, which displayed lovely balance and freshness, in line with what drinkers tend to like at the moment. The Merlot juice was packed with red fruit and had nice acidity to support the fresh aromas. We had to wait until the second week in October for the Cabernet Franc to be fully ripe, followed by the Cabernet Sauvignon. The juice from these varieties was also lovely and fresh with nice acidity, hints of spice and wild berries. Extraction during winemaking was key for the balance of the finished wine. It was gentle to enhance the mouthfeel of the tannins and constitutes the basic identity of the vintage. The colours are lovely and deep, without being black, and are lively and intense. Above all, this vintage is all about palatability and flavoursome tastiness. The purity of the fruit has been protected by the weather and winemaking techniques adapted to meet its needs. For the estates, which were not heavily impacted by late frost that was likened to losing a limb by some, this vintage is another fine expression of Bordeaux wines. It highlights balance, purity, tannic structure, freshness and great palatability. The upper part of the Château Clos de Boüard vineyard, thanks to its location, was not affected by frost at all. Unfortunately, other plots were not spared, but intense work was put in throughout the summer to support the vines as well as possible and we were able to get the best we could from this terroir to make 2017 an unexpected vintage!



#### **DATA SHEET**



Vineyards: 30 hectares (74 acres) of producing vines

**Appellation :** Montagne Saint-Emilion

Soil type: Clay-limestone

Average age of the vines: 40 years

Grape varieties: 19,6 hectares (48,5 acres) of Merlot

7,3 hectares (18,2 acres) of Cabernet Franc

2,6 hectares (6,4 acres) of Cabernet Sauvignon

Yield: 18 hectolitres per hectare

Fruit selection: manual with a Mistral sorting table

and an optical eye machine

Consultant Oenologist : Hubert de Boüard de Laforest

Wine-Maker: Coralie de Boüard de Laforest

Winemaking steps: Prefermentation soak at 7.5 to 10°C (46 to 50°F)

Alcoholic fermentation

Maceration for 3 to 5 weeks

Malolactic fermentation in wood

Fruit from individual plots is vinified separately using all these steps

Ageing: 18 to 24 months in barrels, half of which are new

Blend: 100% Merlot



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Ageing: 10 to 14 months, 30% in new barrels

Blend: 100% Merlot





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