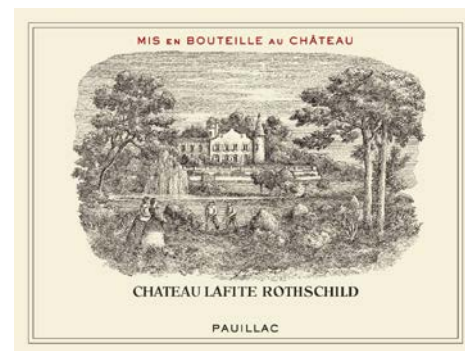


CHATEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD 2015



GRAPE VARIETIES: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot

CLIMATE AND HARVEST CONDITIONS

Climate: A recurring phenomenon in recent years, the beginning of the winter was mild and dry, and it was only at the end of January that beneficial colder temperatures arrived, accompanied by rain. Bud break began in early April as usual, and the vines then grew quickly, as they had ample reserves of water and the weather was mild. In June, flowering was early and uniform, which is always a promising sign.

The influence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gironde estuary helped to reduce the effect of a somewhat hot summer with high temperatures. Water stress was high, but rain in August brought the freshness required for the grapes to change colour and then to ripen perfectly. Conditions were ideal during the harvests, enabling us to obtain optimal ripeness for each plot.

Harvests: Merlot, 17 to 23 September; Cabernet Sauvignon, 23 September to 6 October; Cabernet Franc, 28 and 29 September; Petit Verdot, 06 October

VINIFICATION AND AGEING

Yield: 46 hl/ha

Vinification: Pumping over and maceration times were adjusted for each vat, depending on the origin of the plot and the tannins' degree of ripeness.

Alcoholic fermentation: in temperature-controlled wooden, stainless steel and concrete vats.

Maceration time: 15 to 20 days

Malolactic fermentation: in wooden, stainless steel and concrete vats.

Ageing: 20 months in new barrels from the Tonnellerie des Domaines.

Bottling: June 2017

Alcohol content: 12.43

Total acidity: 3.60

TASTING NOTES (at bottling)

Very dark colour, with purple glints, indicating that the wine is still very much in its youth.

The nose is still quite closed, which is to be expected after only a few months in the bottle. But it already presents good depth and plenty of complexity. Notes of fresh strawberries and tobacco, in which the wood has become perfectly integrated.

The attack is simultaneously supple and very powerful. The intensity on the palate rises steadily... gently coming to rest on a plateau that is already very high.

Not at all aggressive, it continues with great length, and in perfect harmony.

This is a Lafite that is currently revealing very little of its potential; to experience it in its full glory will require waiting... for some years.