

CAPE HORN or LAFITE 2024

If there's one Captain who never gave up hope, it was Eric.

At the helm of Lafite, he was about to embark on what promised to be a difficult vintage. Him and his crew of solid Pauillac sea dogs have crossed many capes, but the Cape Horn from East to West never!

From April to the end of June, there were weeks of battles against mildew and the raging elements, hundreds of tacks that didn't go through, retreats to windward, refuges and returns to sea... until the entry into the Pacific on 25th June. Here, everything changed, with days of gentle, temperate breezes. The vines healed their wounds, the crew recharged their batteries and the wounds were quickly forgotten.

By the end of August, the ripening process was running perfectly smoothly, and we were tasting berries selected from the vines on the Lafite plateau. They were full of flavour and life, the result of a perfect summer after all those storms.

The harvest began on 23rd September with our best Merlot grapes from Pointon and Gravette, and we were now full steam ahead at all costs, dodging the raindrops. Our best Cabernet grapes were picked at the beginning of October, and we had everything in on the 7th.

With short vinifications, gentle extractions and selected pressings, Olivier's team now navigates in the cellar with elegance and precision.

What a milestone !

Blend :

96% Cabernet-Sauvignon,
3% Merlot,
1% Petit Verdot

Budburst : 2nd April

Mid-Flowering : 9th June

Mid-Véraison : 7th August

Harvest :

23rd September to 7th October

