



**CHATEAU DURFORT-VIVENS**  
**VINTAGE 2020**

Margaux, 10th of June 2020,

Dear partners,

Today I have the feeling that Vintage 2020 is a real accomplishment for the property. A long quest which has started when I took the lead of Château Durfort-Vivens in 1992. We have made some adjustments in our processes of winemaking and one of the major result was our vintage 2018 which has been a great success praised by wine critics of the world.



Now, the most influent critics recognize Durfort-Vivens style as an essential of Margaux appellation. It is with pride that I share with you this Vintage 2020, which I describe as a real achievement.

Finally, I again express our support to you. You recently had access to our new distribution support tools, as well as the presentation of all of our projects for 2021-2022. We are by your side to ensure the development and territorial deployment of our properties.

We will revert to you throughout the year to continue to feed you with diverse content to support you.

Warm regards,  
Gonzague Lurton



## THE VINEYARD

62 hectares of deep gravels with a matrix sand and clay..

Located in Margaux, Cantenac and Soussans in Margaux appellation.

## THE VINIFICATION

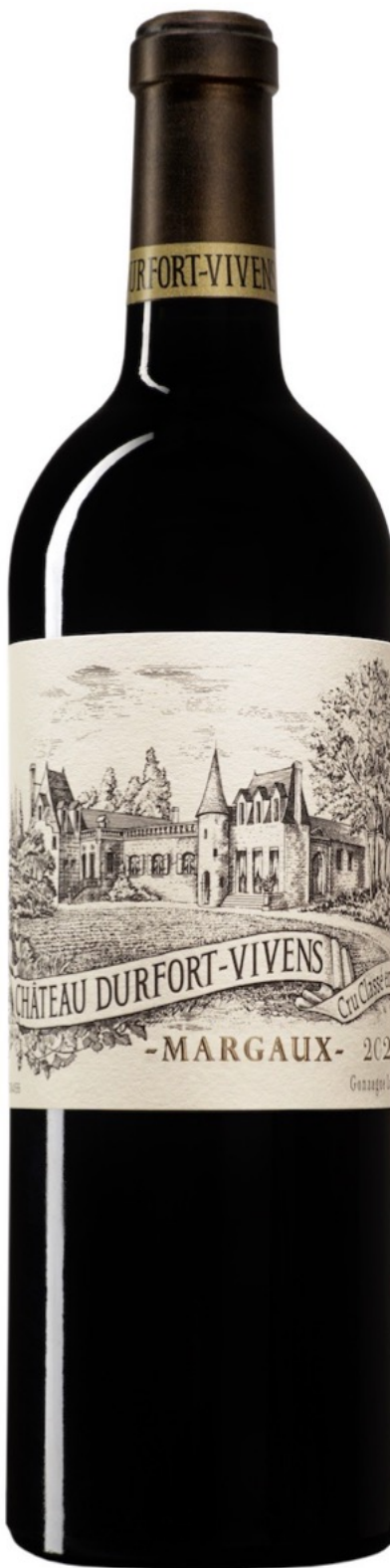
Plot and tailor-made vinification.

Alcoholic fermentation with natural yeasts.

Pumping over once per day for soft extraction.

21 days of alcoholic and malo-lactic fermentations.

No input during all the vinification process.



## THE CULTURAL PRACTICES



No pesticide residues

## THE BLEND

88%  
Cabernet  
sauvignon

12 %  
Merlot

## THE AGEING

18 months of ageing:

70% in new oak barrels  
30% in amphorae TAVA

## THE TEAM

Owner : Gonzague LURTON  
Technical director: Léopold VALENTIN  
Œnologist consultant: Éric BOISSENOT



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REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR CHÂTEAU  
DURFORT-VIVENS. »

GONZAGUE LURTON



A vineyard of 62ha located on the villages of Margaux, Cantenac and Soussans of the **Margaux appellation**.

For more than 20 years, the grapes of Château Durfort-Vivens were part of the blend of Château Margaux wines.

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One of the favorite wines of the 3rd President of the US, Thomas Jefferson at the end of the 18th century.

Raised at the rank of **2nd Grand Cru Classé in 1855** during the Universal Exhibition of Paris.

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The property has been in **the Lurton family for two generations**.

At 26 years old, Gonzague was the youngest owner-manager of the Grand Cru Classé of Médoc.

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The wines are both certified organic and biodynamic since the vintage 2016.

The one and only growth of 1855 to have obtained both **organic and biodynamic certification** at the same time.

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**The largest amphorae cellar in the world.**

The vintage 2018 was entirely made in amphora without any mechanical assistance.

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The vineyard is managed according to **agroecological practices**.

Small-scale plantation of vines without rootstock, to preserve diversity and adapt our vineyard to the climate change.

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The wines have been tested « **0 residues** » each year since the 2014 vintage.



A close-up photograph of a dark, textured metal surface. In the upper left, there is a stylized, embossed logo that resembles a bird or a winged figure. Below this, a metallic, cylindrical component, possibly a valve or part of a pump, is visible. At the bottom, a rectangular plate is embossed with the text 'ATEAU', 'URFORT', and 'IVENS' in large, bold, capital letters. Below this plate, smaller text is partially visible, including 'GRAND CRU' and 'MAISON'.

**« A NOSE SO BEAUTIFUL YOU  
WANT TO KEEP IT FOREVER.  
FASCINATING, UNIQUE AND  
TRULY EXCEPTIONAL IN THIS  
VINTAGE. A NEW REFERENCE  
POINT FOR THE PROPERTY. »**

**96-98+ COLIN HAY  
DRINKS BUSINESS**

# CHÂTEAU DURFORT-VIVENS

## VINTAGE 2020

**98+**

**XL VINS, PANOS KAKAVIATOS**

**97 – 98**

**LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE**

« Coup de cœur de la Rédaction ! Une des réussites du millésime. »

**97 – 98**

**LIN LIU MW**

« Full of energy. Already showing some complexity. »

**96 – 98+**

**COLIN HAY, THE DRINKS BUSINESS**

« A nose so beautiful you want to keep it forever ».

**96 – 98**

**LE FIGARO**

« Une bouche séduisante qui vous emballa en deux-deux, veloutée, souple, avec une énergie incroyablement subtile. »

**96 – 97**

**JAMES SUCKLING**

« What really impresses here is the tannin framework, which displays refinement and power at the same time.»

**95-97**

**1<sup>er</sup> des Margaux**

**FALSTAFF, PETER MOSER**

**95-97**

**ALEXANDRE MA**

**95 – 96**

**BERNARD BURTSCHY**

« Coup de cœur. La méthode de culture a fait des merveilles dans le millésime 2020. »

**94-96**

**YVES BECK**

**95**

**BETTANE + DESSEAUVE**

**17,5**

**JANCIS ROBINSON**