



LES AILES DE MERCUES, 2020

A Malbec that feels like velvet

Château de Mercuès was the summer residence of the Bishops and Counts of Cahors since the middle ages, and in 1959 became one of the very first Relais & Châteaux in France. The vineyard and its 36 hectares of vines lie on the third terraces of the Lot valley, between Caillac and Mercuès, and are planted on an ancient alluvial soil from the Mindel era. The terroir is enriched with clay and silica, combined with high planting density (up to 6666 vines per hectare) offers a great Malbec with velvety nuances. Les Ailes de Mercuès, supple and round, refers to the winged helmet of Mercury, the messenger of the gods and the god of travel.

VARIETAL: 85% Malbec, 15% Merlot

COLOR: Red

REGION: Occitanie

APPELLATION: AOP Cahors

AGING POTENTIAL: 5 years

DEGREE: 14 %

FORMAT: 75 cl

CERTIFICATION: HVE 

VINTAGE: 2020

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The year 2020 was a "solar" year and this great vintage will be recognized in the future for the remarkable quality of its wines.

The year started with a mild and humid winter, allowing a good replenishment of the water tables. The spring was hot, dry and without frost which led to very early growth in the vineyard. The following summer was particularly dry, with no signs of rain until the return of the summer storms on August 15th, which enabled the grapes to finish ripening and avoid too much hydric stress. These positive conditions meant that the vines needed far less treatment than normal.

VINIFICATION & MATURATION

Aged for 12 months in stainless steel tanks.

6 months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES & AWARDS

"Second wine of Château de Mercuès. Complex aromas of red fruits; peppery and spicy notes. Beautiful amplitude in the mouth with soft and velvety tannins."

AG Sigoux



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