

Château de Montfaucon

BARON LOUIS - LIRAC 2019



VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 is definitely a solar vintage underlined by heat and drought. Luckily the preceding autumn and winter knew good rain fall giving reserves to the deep-rooted old vines and hence helping them to resist in these harsh conditions. Even so, the yields were low, we were lacking a total of 40% of crop compared to an average year. The wines are intense and concentrated yet benefiting from the freshness of our terroir and making 2019 a 'Grand Vintage'.

INSPIRATION

We honor Baron Louis, the family ancestor who restored the castle, with this elaborated cuvée issued from our best plots of old vineyards in Lirac Cru appellation. The wine has the richness of Southern Rhone Cru wines associated to the finesse and elegance that characterize Montfaucon wines.

SOIL

Rolled pebbles and limestone scree on loam soil.

GRAPE VARIETIES

60% Grenache, 15 % Syrah, 15% Carignan, 5% Cinsault, 5% Mourvedre. Issued from our oldest, up to 100 years old, vineyards. Yield max 32hl/ha.

WINE MAKING AND AGING

Total destemming. 14-18 days of vatting with co-fermentation of different varieties, varying according to ripening each vintage.

80% of the blend is aged one year in one to ten wine old barrels, followed by an additional year of aging in concrete tanks. Bottling after minimum two years of aging. Aging in bottle for minimum one year before releasing.

TASTING NOTES

Decanter World Wine Awards 2023 : « Inviting perfumed nose, opulent bouquet of rich black fruit, dry red berries, bitter chocolate and touches of tobacco. Harmonious, rich and concentrated, supported by fine-grained tannins. »

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Prime rib of beef with grilled vegetables
Burgundian style beef cheek stew
Grilled duck breast with mushroom risotto

PRESS

2019 vintage : Wine Spectator 92 pts, Decanter WWA Gold 96 pts, John Livingstone Learmonth, drinkrhone.com ****(*)

2018 : Decanter 92 pts, Guide Hachette *

2017 : Wine spectator 92 pts, Decanter WWA Gold / 95 pts

2016 : Decanter WWA Gold 96 pts, Wine Advocate 92-94 pts, Wine Enthusiast 91 pts

2015 : Wine Advocate 93 pts, Guide Hachette 2018 *, Jancis Robinson 16+,

Matt Walls 2015 Special Rhone report 93 points, RVF 15/20