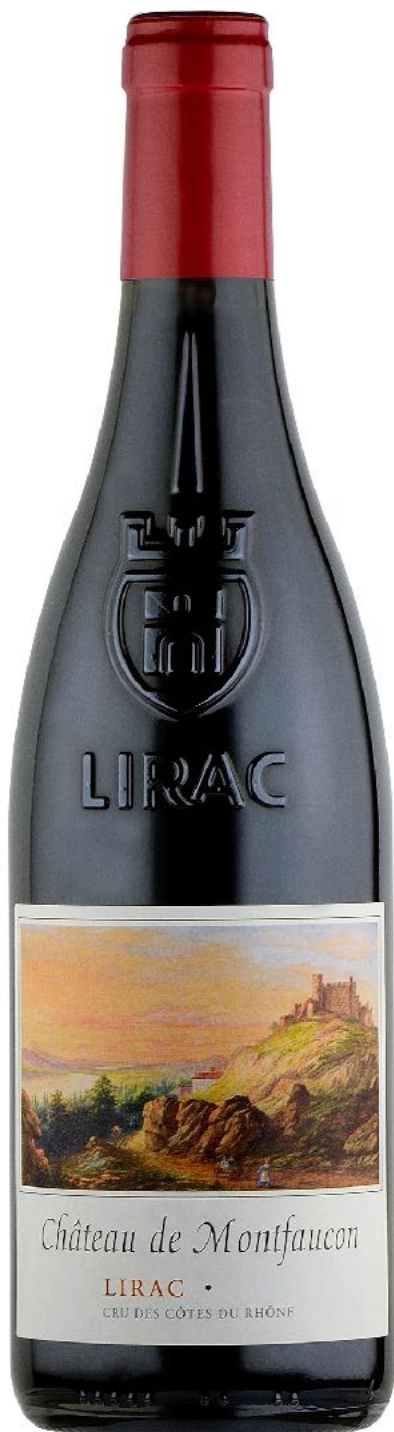


Château de Montfaucon

LIRAC - ROUGE 2021



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VINTAGE REPORT

2021 harvest was good both in quality and quantity. This is a joy and a relief after four harvest with very low crop. We were spared this year from the climate catastrophes that touched many French wine regions.

The wines show a vibrant and fresh profile with beautiful balance and refreshing acidity levels.

This is our first certified organic vintage after the conversion period from 2018 to 2020.

INSPIRATION

Since its first vintage 2013, this wine has found a solid place in our wine range. Impressed by the intense fruit expression that Lirac terroir can offer, we elaborate this wine to show with joyful and elegant characters the complexity of our Cru appellation.

The label is an aquarelle of Montfaucon from 1830s. The two children in the carriage are the young Baron Louis and his sister Wilhelmine.

SOIL

Villafranchiennes terraces with rolling pebbles (galets roulés).

GRAPE VARIETIES

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, Yield max 35hl/ha.

WINE MAKING AND AGING

Hand picking. Total destemming. 15 days of vatting.

Bottling after 20 months of aging in concrete tanks.

TASTING NOTES

Matt Walls, Rhone 2021 Primeur tasting Oct 2022: « ...well-made Lirac in a tricky vintage, this has ripe berry fruits and neat, compact tannins that haven't been overworked. Good sense of purity and balance. »

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Fillet of veal with sun-dried tomato risotto

Ovenbaked eggplants with garlic and parmesan

Roasted chicken with rosemary and garlic served with potato and celeriac purée

PRESSE

Vintage 2021 : Decanter 90 pts, John Livingstone-Learmonth ****

2020 : Decanter 92 pts (Best Value Rhône 2020 wines by appellation)

2019 : Decanter 90 pts + Rhône 2019: Best-value wines under £20/\$25

2016 : Wine Advocate 91 pts, WS 89 pts (Top Rhone Value) , Decanter WWA 90 pts (Silver), Jeb Dunnuck 89-91 pts

2015 : Wine Advocate 89 pts, WS 89 pts (Smart Buy), Decanter WWA 89 pts (Bronze), Guide Hachette *, Jancis Robinson 16

2014 : Decanter WWA 91 pts (Silver), Guide Hachette **