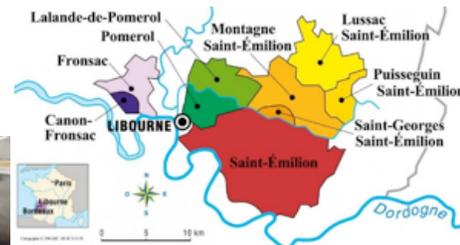




CHÂTEAU LA ROSE GARNIER FRONSAC 2014



Certified organic and biodynamic since 10 years, Christine & Jean-Yves Millaire farm their vineyard of 40 acres located in the Fronsadais on the right bank of the Dordogne river. This subregion of the Libournais is home to two distinct appellations: Canon-Fronsac, smaller of the two, and Fronsac, its sibling appellation that surrounds the latter like a horseshoe. Five times smaller than its illustrious neighbor of Saint Emilion, this region presents a more homogenous Terroir, with starfish limestone and the "Fronsac molasses" of claysand-limestone. Also called the "Tuscany of the Gironde", for the way its land unfurl in waves along the river edge, the vineyards are set on high slopes overlooking the Dordogne and its tributary the Isle river. In the "Bordeaux world" this region is a bargain and it's dominant of Merlot means that the "drinkability window" is earlier while offering a surprising longevity. Even in the tougher vintage, Jean-Yves' wines are balanced, always bright, at the same time fleshy and joyful. He makes sure to avoid overmaturity or any excess of oak, in order to make accessible wines, even young, which displays a lot of fruit and spice as well as a delightful freshness.

SOIL TYPE

2 parcels for a total of 7 acres. Clay-sand "Fronsac molasses" plot on the alluvial plain & Clay and limestone with seashell deposit.

VARIETAL

100% Merlot. 40 year-old vines

CULTURE

High-density of plantation.
Organic and biodynamic certified since 2006.
No herbicide, no pesticides and no phytosanitary products used.
Traditionnal ploughing of the soil. Natural grass cover between the row.

VINIFICATION/AGEING

Harvest by hand with parcel selection. Alcoholic fermentation in 25 hl concrete vats. Malolactic fermentation in 100 hl old oak tanks.
Ageing in one and two year-old French oak barrels for 18 months.
No fining and no filtration before bottling.
700 cases production.

TASTING NOTES

Rounded and fruit forward character, the lush character of Merlot at its best. A lot of ripe currant and black cherry. Smooth and sophisticated tannins.

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