



## 2012 LA FLEUR D'AMELIE BORDEAUX ROUGE

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Valérie Valmy
<b>REGION:</b>	Bordeaux, France
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Merlot (70%), Cabernet Sauvignon (30%)
<b>MATURATION:</b>	40% in seasoned French oak barrels for 12 months
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.0% alc/vol

### VINTAGE:

The 2012 vintage started well with a cold winter. Bud break was three weeks later than normal but the summer was warm to hot, with dry conditions creating very concentrated berries. The harvest began in late September but was interrupted by some rain and very cold temperatures. It re-commenced on the 2nd of October under perfect harvest conditions. Despite another roller coaster year in Bordeaux the final quality of the fruit was high.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-harvested in late September and early October. Some of the juice was bled off for the production of rosé and to concentrate the ratio of skins. Following a cold maceration and warm fermentation, 40% of the wine was aged in 2nd and 3rd year French oak barrels for 12 months where it underwent malolactic fermentation naturally.

### TASTING NOTES:

Fine fresh and intense Cabernet notes with hints of menthol, raspberry and sugar barley that combine nicely with the ripe fruit roundness and elegance of the Merlot. On the palate it displays concentrated blackberry and blackcurrant flavors, with soft round tannins, a delicate structure and a pleasant fruity finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 87 pts Wine Enthusiast

### ABOUT CHÂTEAU DE SOURS:

Situated high up on a commanding limestone plateau just to the south-west of Pomerol and facing St. Emilion, Château de Sours has been producing wine for more than 200 years. Dating back to the 14th century, it originally served as an inn on the St. Jacques de Compostelle pilgrimage route to Spain. The current house was built in 1792, and has since been renovated and restored to its former glory by proprietors Martin and Nicolette Krajewski. Under their leadership, Château de Sours has undergone a massive refurbishment, blending the region's traditional rigor and craftsmanship with modern innovations. Château de Sours is producing some of Bordeaux's most respected red and white wines, and is leading a renewed global interest in top class rosé.



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