



2013 LA FLEUR D'AMELIE BORDEAUX ROUGE

WINEMAKER :	Valérie Valmy
REGION :	Bordeaux, France
VARIETALS :	Merlot (64%), Cabernet Franc (15%), Petit Verdot (15%), Cabernet Sauvignon (6%)
MATURATION :	40% in seasoned French oak barrels for 10 months
ALCOHOL :	12.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE :

2013 was difficult in Bordeaux. A cold, wet winter persisted into spring and flowering was heavily delayed. July was hot which saw ripening catch up slightly until a devastating hail storm hit in early August. Overall one of the most challenging vintages in living memory, 2013 saw high labor costs and very low yields but excellent flavor concentration.

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 10 months where it underwent malolactic fermentation naturally.

TASTING NOTES :

Fresh and intense Cabernet aromas with hints of raspberry and black fruits that combine nicely with the ripe fruit roundness and elegance of the Merlot. On the palate it displays more sweet concentrated blackberry and blackcurrant flavors, with soft round tannins, a delicate structure and a pleasant fruity finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : Not yet reviewed. 2012 vintage: **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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