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## 2011 CHATEAU DE SOURS ROUGE

**WINEMAKER :** Valérie Valmy  
**REGION :** Bordeaux, France  
**VARIETALS :** Merlot (85%), Petit Verdot (10%), Cabernet Sauvignon (5%)  
**MATURATION :** 15 months in 100% French oak barrels (40% new)  
**ANALYSIS :** 13.0% alc/vol | pH: 3.50

### VINTAGE :

Bordeaux's 2011 growing season was again somewhat of a roller-coaster right from the start, due to a very cold spring and periods of extreme heat and cold throughout the growing season. Vintage was late but quality overall was good on the estate vineyards. The fruit comes from the estate's older vines situated on a limestone plateau surrounding the Chateau, picked in late September and early October in perfect sunny conditions.

### WINEMAKING :

The grapes were hand harvested and immediately underwent a cold maceration for five to seven days to develop fruit aromas prior to fermentation. After the fermentation was complete, the wine underwent a ten day maceration period to refine the tannins and was followed by malolactic fermentation before transferring to new and older oak barrels for fifteen months of aging before bottling.

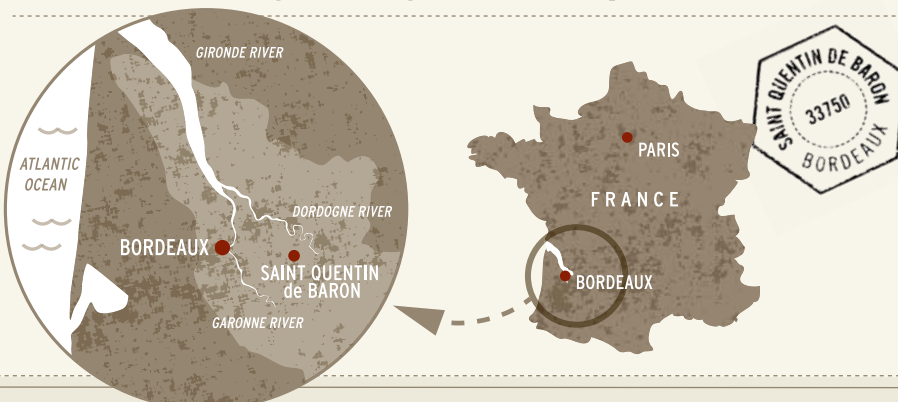
### TASTING NOTES :

A vibrant, Merlot blend with complexity and rich aromas of leather, hints of menthol, vanilla, cinnamon and spice. On the palate this ripe, lush Merlot shines with intense, fine, juicy fruit flavors of blackcurrants and raspberries with velvety tannins, leading to a seductively long and dry finish. Careful cellaring will be rewarded for years to come.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 88 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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