



2012 CHATEAU DE SOURS ROUGE

WINEMAKER :	Valérie Valmy
REGION :	Bordeaux, France
VARIETALS :	Merlot (70%), Petit Verdot (20%), Cabernet Sauvignon (5%), Cabernet Franc (5%)
ANALYSIS :	13.0% alc/vol pH: 3.49

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.

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.

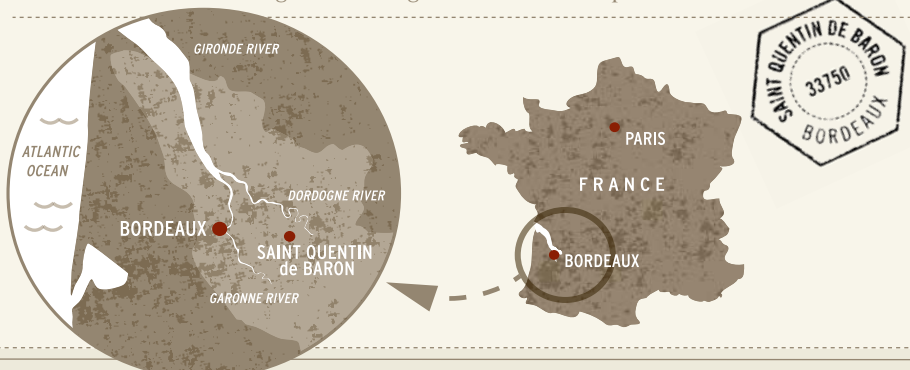
TASTING NOTES :

An attractive richness on the nose with aromas of leather and hints of vanilla, cinnamon and spice. On the palate the taste is of the ripe and lush Merlot with an intensity of fine juicy fruit flavors of blackcurrants, raspberries, with a soft attack of fine velvety tannins that lead to a seductively long and dry finish. This is a wine that will continue to develop in the bottle and will reward careful cellaring.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 2011 vintage: 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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