

## CHÂTEAU LAULERIE JUSTE TERRE CABERNET FRANC



**T**he Vignobles Dubard estate, founded in 1977 by two brothers and a sister, now brings together four dynamic family-owned wineries located on the right bank of the river Dordogne in the South West of France: Château Laulerie, Château Vieux Barrail, La Croix Romane and Château Nardou.

Château Laulerie's vineyards stretch out on the right bank of the River Dordogne in the western part of the Bergerac wine appellation. This prized area, known as Montravel, is characterized by its calcareous- clayish hills, facing an ideal southerly direction. The vineyard is made up of 50% white grapes (Sauvignon and Semillon) and 50% red grapes (Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec).

### VITICULTURE

Among the 46-ha red-variety vines, 30 to 50% are dedicated to the production of Château Laulerie Rosé. The youngest vines (5 to 15 years) are always selected for the Rosé. Trellised in Guyot cut canopy, the vines are closely planted (5,000 vines/ ha). The respect of traditional rules to run the vineyard, and the use of natural fertilizer restrict yield to 60 hl/ha. The alternating grassy and ploughed rows lead to an ideal hydric balance. To obtain healthy grapes whilst preserving the environment, they have developed an extensive knowledge of vine parasites and the various sprays available. We used this knowledge in conjunction with a close-up observation of the vines, resulting in rational and environmentally-sensitive pest control. Certified Haute Valeur Environnementale.

### VINIFICATION

Greg Dubard, the proprietor of Château Laulerie, exemplifies this in his traditional and meticulous approach to grape growing and hands-off approach in the cellar.

Matured for 8 months in terracotta amphoras, this unique Cabernet Franc entices with a surprising density and silkiness on the palate.



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Region	Southwest
Classification	AOC Bergerac
Vintage	2018
Grapes	100% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard	Right bank of the River Dordogne
Soil Composition	Clay-limestone soil
Vineyard Training	Guyot
Density/Yield	5000 vines/ha
Fermentation	Low temperatures (15 to 17°C)
Aging	Aged in 500L Amphoras
Alcohol	14%
Residual Sugar	<0.2 g/l
PH	3.92 g/l
TA	2.87 g/l
Free SO2	13 mg/l
Total SO2	63 mg/l

## TASTING NOTES

What a wine: deep dark purple colour, intense nose, with a rich complexity. Primary notes of dried berries, herbaceous and minerality, that opens up to reveal fennel, pencil shavings, dried blueberry, and violet notes. Rich and savory, with medium ripe tannins and a clean dry finish. Complex, with flavours of tomato, oregano, mineral and fennel, along with dark fruit. Develops real character as it opens, recommend decanting.

## SALES FACTS

- Certified Haute Valeur Environmental, France's highest certification for clean farming
- The natural intense and deep tannins of Cabernet Franc are refined by a limited oxygen input due to the porosity of terra cotta Amphora. A combination of velvet and elegance!
- Château Laulerie's vineyards stretch out on the right bank of the River Dordogne in the western part of the Bergerac wine appellation, just east of Bordeaux. Great value wines coming from this family producer.

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

This rich complex Cabernet Franc is best with savoury dishes, grilled meats and rustic food. Enjoy with a winter feast of roast beef, mashed potatoes, and oven roasted root vegetables. Or with a summer barbecue of sirloin burgers with aged cheddar cheese and tomato confit. Best to 2030.