





ACAIBO A FRENCH-CALIFORNIAN ADVENTURE



Owners of Classified Growth estates in Bordeaux, **Claire and Gonzague Lurton** decided to launch a personal project in 2012, far from the beaten path: **Acaibo**, a 10-hectare vineyard nestled in Chalk Hill, at the heart of **Sonoma Valley**, California.

The project is born from a shared dream: to create a wine that embodies their identity and passion.

They settle in **Chalk Hill** with their children for three years, rethinking everything from the ground up—replanting the vineyard, building a winery, and adapting their expertise to a new environment.

True to their Bordeaux philosophy, Claire and Gonzague apply the principles of organic and regenerative farming.

Together with Nicolas, their French-American technical director, they craft a "Bordeaux Blend" rooted in the sunny Californian climate, yet shaped by a culture of balance and precision.

Acaibo takes its name from a local Native American dialect of Sonoma—a reference to **water**, a fundamental element in the balance of the vine and a symbol of life.

The word also means "three fish," a number rich with meaning for the Lurton family: three grape varieties, three children, three Classified Growths.

A refined, structured wine, crafted at the crossroads of two worlds.

The meeting of **Bordeaux** and **California**.

Two terroirs, two approaches, one singular vision.

A Bordeaux Blend... made in Sonoma.

ACAIBO 2019

VINTAGE 2019

"With Mother Nature's support, the 2019 growing season provided fantastic grape growing conditions. There was the right amount of heat early in the growing season to acclimate the grapes, mild temperatures continued throughout the season and offered superior flavor development. Sonoma County experienced late rains into May that benefitted winegrowers. This was followed by a series of warm days that carried on through September. The morning fog also helped serve as a useful cooling aid helping to preserve the essential acidities and aromatic flavors of the grapes. The result was outstanding fruit ready for harvest.

All our grapes were harvested and either finished or almost finished fermenting before the fires (Kincade fire - Oct.23rd to 30th, 2019). The results are superb: deeply colored, well-balanced, delicious red wines of superior quality."

Nicolas Vonderheyden, Technical Director.

VINIFICATION

State of the art reception line with vibrating tables to minimize impact. Berries are meticulously sorted by hand and the advanced « Mistral » wind system leaving only the highest in quality.

Small lot fermentation in thermo regulated stainless steel tanks. 4 days of cold soak followed by alcoholic and malo-lactic fermentation which finishes in barrel.

A BORDEAUX BLEND

88 % Cabernet- Sauvignon 9% Merlot 3 % Cabernet- Franc

THE TEAM

Owners: Gonzague & Claire Lurton

Technical Director: Nicolas

Vonderheyden

Oenologist Consultant: Éric Boissenot



THE VINEYARD

24 acres located between the cool Russian River, the warm Alexander Valley and Knights Valley. At 750 feet altitude. Volcanic Ash & Clay soils. AVA Sonoma County

THE CULTURAL PRACTICES

Organic farming. Rainwater harvesting and only two irrigations per year.

THE AGEING

16 months in Bordeaux-style French oak with 70% new oak.

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JANE ANSON, 98 pts

« An astonishing purity of flavour and aroma (...), another successful vintage from Claire and Gonzague Lurton. »

DECANTER, 96 pts

« This is a really great wine with such finesse and purity, long length and lifted body. Acaibo is really developing a lovely signature with great consistency. »

JAMES SUCKLING, 96 pts

« This is firm and structured with focus and precision. Medium- to full bodied with ripe but fresh dark berries, cocoa and dried orange peel. »



FIND OUT MORE

Claire and Gonzague Lurton come from the third and fourth generations of two prominent wine families in the Bordeaux region:

the Merlaut and the Lurton families.

In 1992 and 1993, they took the reins of their respective family estates and are now owners of five châteaux, including three classified growths:

CHÂTEAU DURFORT-VIVENS, 2nd Classified Growth of 1855 in Margaux

CHÂTEAU FERRIÈRE, 3rd Classified Growth of 1855 in Margaux

CHÂTEAU HAUT BAGES LIBÉRAL, 5th Classified Growth of 1855 in Pauillac

CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE, Located in the heart of the Margaux appellation

ACAIBO, in Sonoma, California

As early as 2007, Gonzague and Claire converted their Bordeaux estates to biodynamics and agroecology, holding the largest biodynamic vineyard area in Bordeaux.