



# CHÂTEAU DURFORT VIVENS

## 2023

2nd Classified Growth in 1855, Margaux Appellation

AT THE END OF THE 18TH CENTURY, CHÂTEAU DURFORT-VIVENS WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE FAVORITE WINES OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR THOMAS JEFFERSON. THIS WINE WAS ELEVATED TO THE RANK OF 2ND GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DURING THE PARIS WORLD EXHIBITION. FOR OVER 20 YEARS, GRAPES FROM CHÂTEAU DURFORT-VIVENS WERE PART OF THE BLEND FOR THE WINES OF CHÂTEAU MARGAUX. THE PROPERTY HAS BELONGED TO THE LURTON FAMILY FOR TWO GENERATIONS. AT THE AGE OF 26, GONZAGUE LURTON WAS THE YOUNGEST ESTATE OWNER OF A GRAND CRU CLASSÉ IN THE MÉDOC.

THE WINES HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED ORGANIC AND BIODYNAMIC SINCE THE 2016 VINTAGE. IT IS THE ONLY GRAND CRU CLASSÉ TO HAVE OBTAINED BOTH ORGANIC AND BIODYNAMIC CERTIFICATION SIMULTANEOUSLY.

AT DURFORT-VIVENS, 2023 UNDOUBTEDLY JOINS THE LIST OF OUTSTANDING VINTAGES PRODUCED IN RECENT YEARS. DESPITE A CAPRICIOUS CLIMATE, THE VINES DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE RESILIENCE. A RAINY WINTER AND A FREEZING EARLY SPRING DELAYED BUDBURST, BUT A TROPICAL SPRING AND AN ARID LATE SUMMER MADE UP FOR IT. THE YOUNG VINES AND THE MOST FREE-DRAINING SOILS EXPERIENCED SOME STRESS, BUT THE WELL-ESTABLISHED VINES ADAPTED EASILY, OFFERING A TASTING WITH COMPLEX AROMATIC PURITY AND PERFECT BALANCE ON THE PALATE, REVEALING A WINE THAT IS BOTH POWERFUL AND SMOOTH.

« ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS  
AT DURFORT-VIVENS. »

**CHRISTER BYKLUM**

**96-98 Pts**

« DENSE, EXPRESSIVE AND  
BRILLIANT. »

**LIN LIU**

**96-97 Pts**

**TERRE DE VINS**

**95-96 Pts**

« QUELLE BELLE RÉUSSITE ET  
QUE DE PROUesses POUR  
PRODUIRE UN TEL VIN. »

**YVES BECK**

**95-96 Pts**

## THE VINEYARD

65 hectares of deep gravels with a  
matrix of sand and clay.

Located in Margaux, Cantenac and  
Soussans in Margaux appellation.

## THE VINIFICATION

Plot and tailor-made vinification.

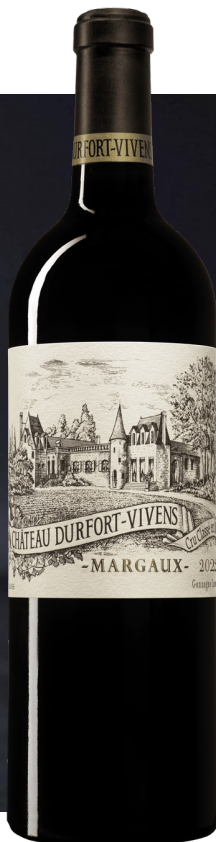
Alcoholic fermentation with  
natural yeast. Pumping over a once  
per day for a soft extraction.

21 days of maceration.

No input during all the vinification.

## THE BLEND

92% Cabernet sauvignon  
8% Merlot



## THE CULTURAL PRACTICES



No pesticide residues.  
Agroecology practices.

## THE AGEING

18 months:

70% in new oak barrels,  
30% in amphorae TAVA

## THE TEAM

Owner: Gonzague Lurton  
Estate Director: Léopold Valentin  
Oenologist consultant: Eric Boissenot