

CHÂTEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

AOP LISTRAC-MEDOC

WINEMAKER

Caroline Artaud

WINE REGION

Bordeaux



STORY Château Fourcas-Hosten is located in the heart of Lustrac-Médoc, in country manor house on 3 hectares of magnificent grounds beside a Romanesque church. In 1810, Monsieur Hosten sold the estate to the de Saint-Affrique family, who created Château Fourcas Hosten and gave it an international reputation. The brothers Renaud and Laurent Momméja (Hermes co-owner) acquired the château during the 2006 vintage and were determined to breathe new life into this beautiful two hundred year old estate. They undertook an ambitious renovation project including a new vat room with concrete, wooden, and stainless steel tanks as well as new cellars and major restructuring of the vineyard.

VINEYARD Merlot vines are planted on clay-limestone soils that surround the estate. Cabernets are on gravel soil on the famous «Le Fourcas» plateau (alike the greatest Chateaux of Pauillac, St Julien and Margaux). Vines are around 25 years old with a density of 8,333 vines per hectare. 75% of the harvest is done by hand.

VINIFICATION Once picked, the fruit goes through strict berry selection on a sorting table. The tanks are filled via semi-gravity flow, and fermentation begins. 50% of the tanks are co-inoculated with malolactic bacteria 24 hours into fermentation. Plots are vinified independently in concrete and wooden tanks. The final blend occurs prior to aging under the direction of Consultant Eric Boissenot. Aged 12 months in French oak barrels (38% new barrels, 39% one-year barrels, 13% two-year barrels) and 10% in tanks.

QUICK FACTS

VARIETY

66% Merlot
44% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Cabernet Franc

PRODUCTION

12 000 Cases

AGING

Oak Barrels and Tank

FARMING

Sustainable agriculture

TASTING NOTES Aromas of black fruit and flowers, followed by mineral and cedart tones. The mouth is medium-bodied with rich fruit, nice acidity and a round finish.

FOOD PAIRING Enjoy with roasted red meat, fried chicken or pasta arrabiata.

