

WINEMAKER

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TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.25 g/L - pH: 3.67
Alcohol
14%
Residual Sugar
< 1g/L

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:
\$29.99

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

DOMAINE D'AUSSIÈRES

CHÂTEAU D'AUSSIÈRES 2013

BACKGROUND

Domaine d'Aussières has been since the Roman era, one of the great estates of the Languedoc. In the Middle Ages, it belonged to the celebrated Abbey of Fontfroide, its neighbor. With its exceptional location, terroir and by the force of its history, the Domaine d'Aussières is, a wild and natural property of intense and powerful beauty. Since 1999, Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) have revitalized over 413 acres of vineyards on the 1,359 acre estate, as well as renovated the cellars of the Domaine. The 259 acres of AOC Corbières vineyard are planted to carefully-selected traditional Languedoc varietals: Syrah, Mourvedre, Grenache and Carignan. The vineyard is located near Narbonne, in the Corbières' microclimate of Fontfroide and Boutenac.

APPELLATION

Corbières, France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Syrah, 25% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre

VINTAGE NOTES

2013 was an unusual year in terms of climate. Autumn of 2012 brought a significant amount of rain, enabling the formation of substantial water reserves, ensuring a good start to the growing season. Winter was relatively dry and temperatures were mild, in line with the averages for the Languedoc. Spring was wet and cold, followed by a sunny, hot July and August. The hot weather helped the vines catch up after the delayed start. A cool, dry September and October allowed slow ripening of the tannins and helped preserve the freshness of all the grape varieties.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested between September 8th and October 12th. Vinification took place in the traditional Bordeaux method or carbonic maceration depending on the grape varietal. Fermentation took place in stainless steel or cement vats and maceration lasted 21 days.

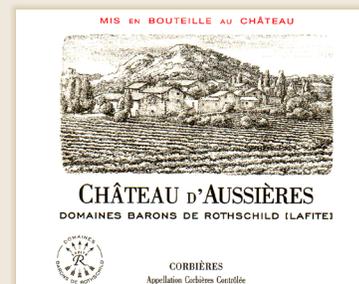
AGEING

The wine was aged 40% in barrels and 60% in vats.

TASTING NOTES

Intense, glittering red color with a slightly blush tinge. The spicy nose offers peppery notes of cloves and fresh nutmeg. On the palate, the attack is well-rounded, continuing with vanilla and silky tannins that accompany a long, elegant finish with notes of toast and caramel.

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