



CHATEAU LAMOTHE

CLASSIFIED AS A SECOND GROWTH IN 1855

SAUTERNES

Château LAMOTHE was built in the 16th century behind what had been a small Merovingian fort, a testimony to the resistance of the people of Sauternes against the Saracen invasions of the 8th century and the Norman incursions of the 9th century.

Later, during the Hundred Years' War, it served as an impressive military stronghold. The lords of Fargues and Budos were its owners.

In 1814, Jean-François de Borie sold LAMOTHE to a British negociant by the name of Dowling. Since 1961, first Jean, and then Guy Despujols have devoted their labours to this outstanding 'terroir', overlooking the Ciron valley, two of its tributaries and the charming village of Sauternes.

The average age of the wines here is over 40 years. They seek their nutrition and balance in the surrounding deep gravel and clay soils.

Guy Despujols has been running the estate since 1989, investing his fierce devotion, enthusiasm and stubborn determination into producing this great wine.

VILLAGE	Sauternes
VINEYARD AREA	7.5 Hectares (18_acres)
CLASSED GROWTH AREA	7.5 Hectares
CLASSED GROWTH SOIL TYPE	Sandy gravels over deep clay-gravel subsoils. High point of Sauternes, facing southeast and southwest.
GRAPE VARIETIES	85 % Sémillon, 10 % Sauvignon and 5 % Muscadelle.
VINIFICATION	Hand picked on 5-6 successive occasions to select only concentrated botrytized grapes, transportation in wooden tubs, press filled by racking process, pneumatic pressing, juice selection, fermentation lasting 30 to 45 days in French oak barrels.
MATURING	5 months on total lees with stirring. Maturing period in barrels. Botting at the end of 26 months.
CLASSED GROWTH AVERAGE ANNUAL PRODUCTION	16000 bottles
SECOND WINE	LES TOURELLES DE LAMOTHE (3000 bottles).
FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS	Partially cooked foie gras, ewe's milk cheese, apricot tart.
FOR TASTING	As an aperitif and especially to finish off a meal. Temperature 8-10 °C / 46 °-50 °F
SPECIAL FEATURES	Feudal mound behind the château.
VISITS	Château visit – daily by appointment from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Wine tasting and sales – daily without appointment (19, rue Principale). Maximum of 30 people. English – Spanish.
OWNERS	Marie-France and Guy DESPUJOLS.

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