

NO 1 DE DOURTHE BORDEAUX MERLOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Dourthe N°1 has a distinctive style and a strong personality, largely as a result of the global approach that no other had dared to undertake until this point. Dourthe's involvement at each step of its creation is truly pioneering. Created in 1988 from the unison of Dourthe and its most skilled partner winemakers and grape growers, Dourthe N°1 has rapidly carved its niche as a shining example of great Bordeaux wine.

Grape: 52% Merlot 44% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard & Vinification Note:

For N°1 Bordeaux Red, the remarkable task of seeking out the finest terroirs is also undertaken in the extensive Bordeaux vineyard to pinpoint exactly those areas where Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon have the best chance of reaching full maturity. Forging strong partnerships with growers guarantees optimal and consistent fruit quality. From tending the vine all the way through to the harvest, the growers work in close collaboration with the Dourthe winemakers. The finest batches of N°1 Bordeaux Red mature 12 months in new French oak barriques where the tannins from oak integrate harmoniously with those present in the wine, adding roundness, and balance. The complex aromas are enhanced by several batches being aged to perfection in small 80 hl wooden tanks.

Tasting Note: Deep, lovely red-ruby appearance for N°1 Bordeaux red 2021. Charming on the bouquet, a hint of toast intermingles with red and black berry fruit aromas. Initially sumptuously smooth on the palate, the wine gains momentum to unleash delicious, fruit-laden texture, oozing freshness and appealing spicy notes. Very well-balanced overall, backed by rounded, silky tannins and culminating in a long, fruity final woven with well-integrated oak.

Food Pairing: Red and white meat (entrecôte, steak, beef tartare, neck of lamb, duck magret), vegetables and side dishes (gratin dauphinois), cheese.

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