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LE CALCIFÈRE 2017

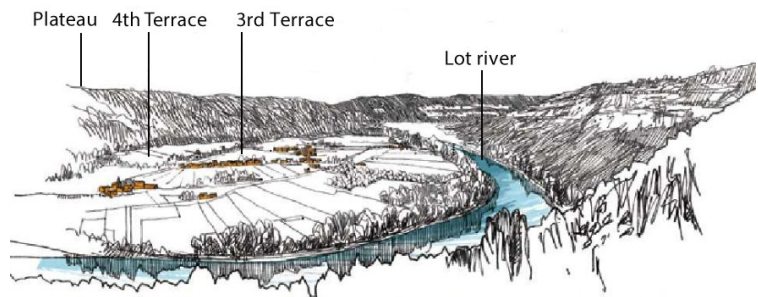
Malbec de Cahors

One of Cahors' strength is its great diversity of soils. There are 9 generally recognized broad terroirs with a large palette of microclimates to give added nuance to each vineyard, each block. Le Calcifère is a traditional wine with a concentrated, new world polish, highlighting the expressions of specific sites within the three select terroirs of the Lot Valley.

Terroirs	Plateau	4th Terrace	3rd Terrace
Geologic time (Million yrs ago)	2 nd stage of the Jurassic (157.3 to 152.1)	Quaternary (2.6 to now)	Mindel (0.7 to 0.5)
Soil	Kimmeridgian limestone rocks, iron-rich red clays	limestone screes, gravels, very ancient alluvial deposits	pebbles, clay, sand, iron concretion, very ancient alluvial deposits
Avg. Elev. (ft)	980	788	558
Wine profile	structure, energy	red fruits, hints of rustic earthiness	bold black fruits, supple tannins, roundness

Vineyard

- Guyot-pruned to one arm
- High density planting 14,820 vines/ acre (6000 vines/ ha)
- 1.7 tons per acre (35 hl/ ha)
- Low-input methods "lutte raisonnée"; dry-farmed



Growing Season

This vintage had a small production due to the frost in April, even the most protected terroirs usually have not been spared. It's a premature vintage as the harvest started around two weeks in advance. With all the efforts that have been made, this vintage 2017, has small quantity but exceptional quality. It could match grand crus like the 2011.

Winemaking

- 100% Malbec
- Hand harvest September 18th
- Fruit selected from the plateau, the 3rd and 4th terrace
- 3-day cold soak, 21-days total maceration
- Fermentations in small stainless steel tanks
- Cap management via pump-over and "delestage"
- 24 months in 100% new French oak

Tasting Notes

Jet black with deep amethyst on the edges, this Limited-Edition wine is profound and layered. A deep core of black fruit is perfumed with notes of black currant, blackberry, blueberry and hints of spice, seared meat, sage and dark chocolate. Creamy-textured bright on the palate, it displays florals flavors and some plum and new leather with a clean finish.

