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CHATEAU FLEUR HAUT GAUSSENS 2020 AOP Bordeaux Supérieur



— Background —

Chateau Fleur Haut GausSENS is located in Véraac, in the Fronsac region of Bordeaux. It has belonged to the Lhuillier family for 3 generations. Since 1990, the family has embarked on an extensive renovation program to improve the vineyards and cultivation methods. Significant investments have been made since 1997 to completely modernize the winemaking facilities. They use slow, finessed vinification processes that result in well-balanced, outstanding wines of consistent quality that continue to improve each year.

— Viticulture —

- 85% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc 5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec
- 30 hectares with the vines planted on south-facing slopes
- Average vine age is 30 years
- Soil: clay-limestone
- Density of 5,000 vines/hectares
- Yield of 45 Hl/hectare
- Debudding and green harvest to reduce yields and concentrate fruit.
- Leaf thinning to promote optimal ripeness.
- Manual harvest over a 10 day period when each individual parcel is at its ripest

— Winemaking —

- Cool maceration for 8 days at 10-12°C
- Vinification of 3-4 weeks in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks.
- Malolactic fermentation in new barrels.
- Stirring of the lees.
- Aged 6 months with 50% new French oak
- Final blending after ageing process.
- No filtering or fining. Very light sediment.

— Tasting Notes—

This is a balanced wine. Its tannins are still firm although with plenty of black-plum fruits and acidity. A solid wine, this will develop slowly but surely. Bright and delicious with redcurrant and berry aromas and flavors.

