



PLAIMONT COLOBELLE MERLOT-TANNAT

2019/\$9.99



DESCRIPTION

At the beginning, in the mid-1970s, André Dubosc – a native of the country and winemaker for three generations – decided to develop the reputation of Southwestern wines. Accompanied by an enthusiastic team of young winemakers, he created dry white country wines, today IGP Côtes de Gascogne, awakened the Saint Mont appellation and revived the Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, resulting from late harvests. In 1979, these men who gathered all their love and know-how to offer the best of the terroir decided to join forces by grouping their cellars and estates. They gave birth to the union of cooperatives Plaimont ("Pl" for Plaisance, "Ai" for Aignan and "Mont" for Saint-Mont).

Since its creation, Plaimont has acquired the most beautiful castles and estates in the region to reconstitute emblematic vineyards and develop a new ambition at the service of the collective. The cellar of Condom as well as others more modest, have also joined Plaimont to share its development.

The grapes varieties produced in the vineyards of Domaine Plaimont are Tannat, Pinenc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Gros Manseng, Petit Manseng, Petit Courbu, Arrufiac, Colombard, and Manseng Noir. The winery produces red, white, as well as rosé wine. Apart from the rich history and heritage of Domaine Plaimont, the winegrowers love to share their passion for wine with others.

Plaimont Colombe Merlot-Tannat 2019

Merlot – Tannat is a blend made of the soft and juicy Merlot grape and the dark and tannic Tannat grape. The synergy between the two is quite remarkable, with each variety lending the

other its better parts. Merlot is quite capable of producing robust wines and cannot be dismissed as a light red grape variety – except, perhaps, compared to the structure of Tannat.

The blend is used evenly between southwest France and Uruguay though the style of wine produced differs significantly. Small parcels are also produced in Bolivia. Uruguayan and Bolivian examples are more New World in their expression of fruit and body. Blackberry, plum and a range of savory spices are often used to describe the flavors of such wines. Subsequently they are usually more approachable in their youth and pair well with meat dishes.

The red version of the emblematic Colombelle, with the association of Merlot and tannat. Tannat is the king of the indigenous Gascony varietals, it lends notes of black fruit and structure to the wine. The Merlot varietal brings elegance and roundness.

Tasting Notes

NOSE:

Aromas of dark fruit, herb, animal, wet stone, and pepper.

PALATE:

This wine is rustic and earthy with blackberry, plum, currant, and structure from the tannat grape in tandem with merlots elegance and roundness on the palate.

PAIRING:

Braised pork knuckle, filet mignon burger, and spiced lamb skewers.

WINERY WEBSITE:

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