
Château Devise D'Ardilly 2010

CSPC# 756492

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot

Appellation

Haut-Médoc

General Info

Château Devise D'Ardilly was created in 1991. It has modern winemaking facilities and vine plots which have gradually been grouped together and replanted. The estate was bought in 2000 by Madeleine and Jacques Philippe, realising a personal dream. Born in the Bordeaux area, Madeleine wanted to return to her roots, while Philippe, a qualified engineer having pursued a career with a major services company, wanted to become a winegrower. Their dream became a reality and the wine obtained Cru Bourgeois status in the 2003 classification.

Vineyards

The vineyard is situated on a hilly terrain of gravelly soil with underlying calcareous clay. The vines are farmed by traditional means with yield control (leaf and bunch thinning). The vine plots are kept meticulously, the owner putting every effort into obtaining healthy, ripe grapes. 45% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot. Average vine age is 23 - 24 years

Harvest

Harvesting is both by hand and by machine (50 percent each) and the grapes are sorted at the winery.

Vinification/

Maturation

Vinification takes place under temperature control, with alcoholic and malolactic fermentation conducted in the traditional way but with the addition of some new techniques - cold maceration, concentration by means of reverse osmosis and micro-oxygenation. The wine is aged exclusively in French oak, one-third of the volume in new barrels, for one year.

Tasting Notes

It is of ruby red colour. The bouquet is extremely refined, with notes of blackberry, spice, smoke and faded rose. Its texture shows suave and velvety, with a pleasant balance and no over extraction, stylish well balanced and gorgeous.

Production

5,000 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2015-2020

Scores/Awards

86 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011

15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2011 (score only)

Reviews

"This has a core of black cherry and plum fruit pushed by slightly ambitious toast, with mocha and spice notes filling in, but leaving a firm feel on the finish. Drink now through 2012. 5,000 cases made."
- JM, Wine Spectator

