



TECHNICAL SHEET

## CHATEAU DE MERCUES, 6666

### WINE CHARACTERISTICS

**VARIETAL:** 100% Malbec

**COLOUR:** Red

**WINE REGION:** Occitanie

**GEOGRAPHICAL NAME:** A.O.P Cahors

**DEGREE (%) :** 14,5%

**FORMAT:** 75 cl

**AGING POTENTIAL:** 16 to 20 years

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

From its vertiginous cliff, the Château de Mercuès, built more than 800 years ago, overlooks the Lot and dazzles with its beauty. Once the summer residence of the Counts-Bishops, it became one of the first Relais & Châteaux in France. The 36 hectares of vineyards now offer a Cahors Malbec of excellence, as if it was sacred. On the terraces of the valley, the grapes are adorned with purple accents and velvety nuances.

### TERROIR

It's a block selection from our vineyard which is planted on a very ancient alluvial soil mainly composed of pebbles and silty-clay. The vines are located on the third Terrace of Cahors' Valley. Its density is unusually high with 6,666 vines per hectare, which is 65% more than the local average.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

We are following a rigorous protocol including a pre-fermentation maceration (cold soak) and slow pump-over. The wine is aged for 18 months in 'Allier' wood barrel.

### TASTING NOTES

*Blackish, deep purple and somewhat crimson color. Enigmatic. Powerful bouquet of liquorish, with subtle hints of chocolate, blackberry, and stewed blackcurrant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate with fine grained tannin and an ethereal sort of elegance. A svelte, thoroughbred wine.*

