

Château Giscours



MARGAUX, BORDEAUX, FRANKRIJK

3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Millésime 2014
Domein: Château Giscours

Mooi domein in het zuiden van de appellatie Margaux. Gelegen in een schitterend terroir met alle vereiste kwaliteiten om een heel grote wijn te maken. Begin jaren '80 zorgde Pierre Tari voor wijnen van hoogstaande kwaliteit maar daarna is het domein wat ingeslapen. De Nederlandse zakenman Eric Albada Jelgersma (eveneens eigenaar van Château du Tertre) heeft deze 3^{ème} GRAND CRU herontdekt in 1995. Onder leiding van ALEXANDER VAN BEEK, werden de nodige moderniseringën uitgevoerd wat ervoor gezorgd heeft dat de laatste millésimes van uitzonderlijke kwaliteit zijn : rijke, krachtige en volle wijnen. Dit mede dankzij oenoloog DENIS DUBOURDIEU.

Oppervlakte: 94 ha

Druivensoorten: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Merlot
10% Petit Verdot

Bodem: graves garonnaises en zandbodeu

**Dichtheid van de
beplanting:** 8300 à 10000 ha

**Gemiddelde leeftijd
van de beplanting:** 4 à 10 jaar (15%) - 10 à 25 jaar (33%)

Vinificatie:

In betonnen en inox vaten onder temperatuurcontrole. Cuvaison gedurende 18 à 28 dagen.

Rijping:

15 à 18 maand op eikenhouten vaten waarvan 50% nieuwe vaten en 50% vaten van 1 wijn.

Alcoholgehalte:

Beschikbare volumes: 0,75L

Verpakking: CB12

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Belle propriété dans le sud de l'appellation Margaux, Château Giscours a produit des vins de grande qualité début des années 1980 sous la direction de Pierre Tari. Il s'est ensuite un peu endormi pour être redécouvert par la suite par l'homme d'affaires hollandais Eric Albada Jelgersma (également propriétaire de Château du Tertre) qui a repris ce 3IEME GRAND CRU. Alexander Van BEEK a fait réaliser d'importants progrès à la vigne et au chai et le cru a retrouvé sa sérénité. Les derniers millésimes sont très réussis : des vins pleins, riches et corsés. L'œnologue DENIS DUBOURDIEU conseille le domaine.

Superficie: 94 ha

Cépages: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Merlot
10% Petit Verdot

Sol: graves garonnaises et sable

Densité de la plantation: 8300 à 10000 ha

Âge Moyen des vignes: 4 à 10 jaar (15%) - 10 à 25 jaar (33%)

Vinification:

En barriques et cuves inox sous contrôle température. Cuvaïson pendant 18 à 28 jours.

Elevage:

15 à 18 mois en barriques dont 50% barriques neuves et 50% d'un vin.

Taux d'alcool:

Volumes disponibles: 0,75L

Conditionnement: CB12

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SCORES - 2014

16/02/2017 JAMESUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 95 / 100



Blueberries, tar and licorice on the nose. Full-bodied, solid and dense. Velvety tannins. Long finish. Down on this! Needs at least two or three years to soften.

09/02/2017 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 91 / 100



This shows a caressing feel from the start, with alluring black tea and incense notes weaving around lightly macerated plum, blackberry and black currant fruit flavors. A floral accent gilds the finish. Pretty wine. Best from 2018 through 2028. 23,335 cases made.

06/02/2017 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 91 / 100



Expressive floral notes, bright red stone fruit and silky tannins all give the 2014 Giscours considerably more finesse than when I last tasted it. Delicate, nuanced and medium in body, this classy Margaux shows quite a bit of polish and overall nuance. It will be interesting to see how the 2014 evolves and, specifically, if some of the wilder notes that are typical of this wine will emerge over time. 91+

02/02/2017 WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 95 / 100



Still dry and concentrated and with swathes of rich tannins, the wine is dark and dense. The undertow of ripe black fruit is impressive. It obviously has considerable aging potential. Drink this serious wine from 2025.

21/05/2015 LE POINT (JACQUES DUPONT) : 15,5 / 20



Fruits rouges, bouche légère, tanins vifs, joli fruit, velouté, fin, surtout pour son fruit et sa délicatesse.

11/05/2015 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 88-91 / 100



A bold, powerful wine, the 2014 Giscours hits the palate with exotic spices, herbs, tobacco, smoke and game. Broad swathes of tannin give the wine its distinctive broad-shouldered personality. Iron, white pepper, herbs and smoke give the Giscours much of its trademark ferrous/savory personality. There is no shortage of intensity, although some slightly rough, angular contours remain.

05/05/2015 THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 91-92 / 100



A complex nose of earth, tobacco, mint, black cherry and raspberries, this wine is soft and polished and there is a fresh, unadulterated plum and fresh, black raspberry sensation in the silky finish. The wine was produced from a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot. 91-92 Pts

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30/04/2015 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 89-91 / 100



The Château Giscours 2014 is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot and 20% Merlot picked between 22 September until 18 October. Alexandre Van Beek told me that the Merlot didn't really contribute to the blend. The nose is reticent at first with scents of black fruits, a touch of graphite and a subtle marine influence, detailed though not intense. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin on the entry, the acidity pointed and noticeable from start to finish. There is plenty of freshness here (acidity 3.4 pH) very linear with fine tension, probably an earlier drinking Giscours since there is not the weight of the fantail of flavours on the finish. It just needs more horsepower.

20/04/2015 JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 16 / 20



Glowing mid crimson. Straightforward, quite fruity nose. Cool and fresh. Good balance even if not complex. A little toastiness. Good, neat finish. Quite a charge of tannin on the end. But pretty restrained. Even slightly austere. Drink 2020-2032

20/04/2015 ASIAN PALATE (JEANNIE CHO LEE MW) : 93 / 100



Beautifully composed with lively acidity, great freshness and nice purity of flavors - violets, cherry, cassis and cedar. This wine will evolve beautifully with time and the freshness of the vintage comes through on the palate and length.

17/04/2015 DECANTER.COM (STEVEN SPURRIER) : 17,25 / 20



Elegant, crunchy black fruits on the nose and florality and ripeness on the palate. Typical classy Giscours with seductive charm and elegant tannins. Drink: 2018-2030 (90+)

15/04/2015 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 88 / 100



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10/04/2015 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 92-93 / 100



Very pretty cabernet sauvignon character. Full body, fine tannins and a bright finish. Ultra-fine tannins. Tight and caressing. Refined. This is a little more cabernet in the blend that gives detail and direction.

07/04/2015 TIMATKIN.COM (TIM ATKIN MW) : 90 / 100



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01/04/2015 RENÉ GABRIEL (RENÉ GABRIEL) : 17 / 20



Dunkles Granat, recht satt in der Mitte, rubiner Rand. Klassisches, erdiges Bouquet, selten hatte ein junger Giscours schon so viel Tabak im ersten Nasenansatz, Kräutertöne und rote Pflaumen. Im Gaumen mit einer gewissen Strenge ausgestattet und auch mit trockenen Nuancen. Irgendwie kommt dieses Muster nicht so richtig aus dem Glas heraus. 17/20 2024 – 2050

01/04/2015 WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 95 / 100



94–96. Barrel Sample. Pronounced toast aromas follow through to the palate, yielding an assertive smoky toast character throughout. However, this impressive wine's real potential is the undertow of ripe fruit. It needs cellaring for many years to fully harmonize. — R.V. (3/31/2015)

31/03/2015 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 90-93 / 100



Fresh, with pretty cherry and plum fruit, lined with a light red licorice thread and backed by violet and iron notes on the finish. Not that dense but has good range and definition.