



DOMAINE LABRUYÈRE

LE CARQUELIN 2013



After a cold and snowy winter, spring was relatively grey with rainy skies and very little sunshine - ideal conditions for mildew and the worst conditions for flowering which, in the event, was late.

By the end of May there was a delay in the growth cycle of almost 15 days versus an average year but good fortune finally was at hand with a very sunny summer which allowed the grapes to mature properly. The limited rain in September served as a catalyst for the grapes to reach full maturity and gain a little flesh. Thus quantities in 2013 are up a little on the historically small harvest of 2012.

Harvest at Domaine Labruyère started on 1st October under excellent conditions, cold and dry, with grapes coming in healthy and ripe. There has not been such a late harvest in the past two decades.

TERROIR

Our vineyard spans over 4.4 acres (1.75 hectares). This terroir with light, sandy clay and acid soil, has low levels of organic matters and presents the typical pink colour of the Cru. Its granite is highly altered and medium deep.

VINEYARDS

Grape variety: 100% Gamay

Planting density: 4 000 vines per acre / 10 000 vines per hectare

Average age of vines: 50 years

Harvest: Grapes are harvested manually in 15 kg crates before passing on a double sorting table and 100% destemmed.

WINEMAKING & AGEING

The fermentation takes place in a single concrete vat, in order to isolate the parcel and to express the unique characteristics of its terroir.

The entire system is thermo-regulated. Wine is aged in oak barrels (7% new oak) for 15 months. Slight filtration and no fining.

TASTING NOTES

(Tasted on 24th March 2015)

Appearance: Beautiful deep ruby red colour with violet reflections.

Nose: Elegant combination of black cherry, blackcurrant and dark berries. Fresh notes of menthol and spices.

Palate: Very delicate wine with beautiful spicy notes, featuring black chocolate and roasted coffee. Exquisite and long finish with refreshing and soft tannins.

Ageing Potential: more than 10 years.

