

## LA CÔTE LASCOMBES

AN AUDACIOUS WINE FROM A STORIED BORDEAUX ESTATE



Château Lascombes, a Margaux second growth, offers a new single-terroir wine embodying the estate's ambitious renaissance. While the Grand Vin of Château Lascombes has set its course back toward its historic 1855 terroir, La Côte marks a break with any notion of the status quo.

Renowned winemaker, Axel Heinz: "Like many of the Médoc's most famous plots, La Côte overlooks the river. Unlike any other, its soil contains veins of blue clay, a geological gift for the expression of Merlot."

The parcels of La Côte slope gently towards the estuary, about 1500 meters away, covering 5 hectares. They have been planted with Merlot since the 1980s. The proximity of the Gironde naturally regulates the temperature. La Côte's terroir is particularly rare, especially for Bordeaux's left bank and perfectly suited to the expression of Merlot. The soil's unique structural characteristic is its thin layer of clay on a limestone slab, with veins of blue clay. The blue clay is a signature of the greatest Merlot terroirs including some in Bordeaux's right bank and in Tuscany.

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Blue clay on limestone slab retains water and gradually releases it back to the vines, which reduces water stress and enables a fuller expression of Merlot. Blue clay also creates a potassium deficiency, which in turn results in higher levels of acidity. Limestone, for its part, brings tension and minerality to the wines. The unique character of La Côte lies in the singular combination of these soils.





- 100% Merlot from a single terroir is a clear break from the traditional Cabernet Sauvignon blends of the Médoc
- Geological anomaly of blue clay embedded within the clay over limestone soil structure of La Côte allows this new perspective of a historic terroir
- La Côte delivers depth, finesse, complex flavors and aromas, intensity, a certain roundness and an acidity that is firm and precise, more structured than opulent; a distinct wine that retains the Médoc style.

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