

Château de Fargues 1998

COUNTRY	REGION	GRAPE	VINTAGE
France	Sauternes, Bordeaux	Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon	1998

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Built in 1306, Chateau de Fargues is located atop a gravelly hilltop overlooking the Garonne valley. The estate's fifteen-hectare vineyard has been gradually and patiently replanted since 1928 with the sole aim of making outstanding Sauternes. Benefiting from a unique microclimate, the vines are on average 35 years of age and consist of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Since 1472, the estate has been managed by the Lur Saluces family, one of the oldest and most influential in the Bordeaux region. Today, Alexandre de Lur Saluces and his son Philippe perpetuate the family tradition of excellence.

WINEMAKING

Weather during the growing season led to the vines suffering from the high temperatures and drought conditions. A few scattered showers in late August and early September helped the grapes to ripen beautifully. Botrytis set in just at that time, and became widespread by the middle of September. As this vintage was picked in two parts, two different types of wine complemented one another in the final blend; wines from September were quite elegant and the ones from October were full-bodied and rich. This wine was fermented and aged in 3 year old barrels.



TASTING NOTES

The wine tastes as it smells, reflecting a medley of candied fruit savours. There is also an almost mineral freshness, accompanied by a touch of lemon and bergamot. This wine starts out very soft and round on the palate, immediately showing an excellent balance between acidity and sugar. The texture is quite firm and dense. The richness blends beautifully with the sweetness. This wine's aftertaste is especially charming, even at this youthful stage. It reflects all the finesse and freshness of the grapes picked in September combined with the richness and volume of those picked in October. The wine's structure is reminiscent of the 1988 vintage, and there can be no doubt about its ageing potential !

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
13.5%