



— *Pessac-Léognan* —

CHÂTEAU DE ROCHEMORIN ROUGE  
2012

#### BACKGROUND

Château de Rochemorin is a prized estate of the André Lurton family, which still owns and operates Les Vignobles André Lurton 60 years after its founding. Planted in 1520 by the owner of Rochemorin manor, Château de Rochemorin was purchased by famous Enlightenment philosopher Montesquieu in the early 1700s. Montesquieu, whose work is famous as a primary influence of the U.S. Constitution, was exceptionally fond of Rochemorin, referring to it in a letter to a friend as “one of my most favorite things in the world.” Montesquieu’s family held onto the estate until 1919 but were forced to sell it following World War I, and it was eventually abandoned. In 1973 the estate was purchased and restored by Mr. André Lurton, long a fan of the estate’s renowned quality and history. Today, Château Rochemorin serves as a source of inspiration to the Lurton family, who see it as a symbol of boundless care and remarkable balance.

#### APPELLATION

Pessac-Léognan AOC

#### SOURCING

Château de Rochemorin estate vineyards

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot

#### WINEMAKING

Château de Rochemorin’s estate vines have an average age of 20 years and are planted in deep gravel soil. After temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks with punch-down maceration, the wine is aged for 12 months in French oak barriques, 40% new.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 season began wet and cool in April, but by the time July arrived, a drought had set in that lasted through mid-September. Sorting and vineyard management were crucial and yields were kept low, yielding wines with expressive fruit, moderate alcohol, and firm tannins.

#### TASTING NOTES

The expressive nose features red fruit and minerality. The wine is elegant on the palate, with fine tannins and food-friendly acidity. Flavors of raspberry with toasty nuances lead to a long finish.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.5  
TA 3.1 g/L  
RS 0.2 g/L  
Alc. 13.4%

#### WINEMAKER

Laurent Bouthonnier

#### FOUNDER

André Lurton