Clos Manou

Médoc



ABOUT THE ESTATE

- Clos Manou was founded in Françoise and Stéphane Dief's garage in 1998. It has since grown to an estate of 18 hectares.
- Farming practices are organic, using sustainable methods, and all work is done by hand.
- The flagship wine, Clos Manou, is a Cabernet Sauvignon- and Merlot-led blend aged in a combination of new French oak, concrete eggs, and terracotta amphoras.
- The second wine, Petit Manou, is mostly Merlot and ages entirely in one-and-two-year-old oak barrels.
- Clos Manou makes the most of its Médoc terroir, producing wines that show a profound sense of place, with dark aromatics, excellent minerality, and supple tannins.

APPELLATION
Médoc

SUB-REGION
Médoc

GRAPE VARIETY
60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

FARMING
Sustainable, Organic

SOIL
29% clay-gravelly, 28% limestone of Couquèques, 25% sand, 13% clay-sand, 5% gravel-sand

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE
Grapes grown in Saint-Christoly de Médoc & Couquèques with a planting density of 9,000 to 10,000 vines/ha. Average of 45 years old. Soil is worked by plow and the rows have grass in the middle. Only organic amendments and reasoned phytosanitary treatments. No copper is used.

HARVEST & VINIFICATION
Hand harvest September 29 to October 15. About 1 kg of grapes per vine (6-8 bunches/vine), with a yield of approx. 55 hl /ha. Grapes sorted twice, before and after destemming, on vibrating sorting table and vatting by peristaltic pump (the temperature of each tank is then reduced to 10° for 48 to 72 hours) Traditional vinification by pumping over for concrete vat and punch down for wood and concrete vat (in part). Pressing with vertical press. Malolactic fermentation in barrels and vats. Aged on the fine lees in 60% new French oak barrels for 17 months, 33% 7hl concrete eggs and 13hl Dolia (inverted ovoid concrete tank) for 12 months, 7% 8hl terracotta jars for 6 to 8 months. No fining. No SO2 until CO2 starts to dissipate about three months after malolactic fermentation, then another small dose at bottling.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
14.3

PACK SIZE
12x750mL