

### Wine estate of our maternal family since 1961

From 1938, Louis Rapin devoted his efforts to vineyards he owned in Montagne and Saint-Emilion (Château La Tour Figeac).

In 1961, he bought his neighbour's vineyard in the Pomerol Appellation, around which he would gradually gather more plots of vines and rename all these lands as a whole Château La Rose Figeac. In 1972, through inheritance, Françoise Rapin, his daughter and Gérard Despagne, his son-in-law, from a family whose origins in Saint-Emilion go back more than three centuries (Château Grand Corbin-Despagne), began cultivating a part of these vineyards.

In 2008, Gérard and Françoise organised their bequests to their three children, Nicolas, François and Nathalie.

Nathalie took over the management of Château La Rose Figeac, Pomerol AOC, on 1st August 2013 with a number of projects in view, including a new layout and organisation for the vat house and barrel storehouse, as well as the construction of a new storage building.

1938 1961 1969 2008 2013 vintage General information Appellation: AOC Pomerol (0,88 hectares more in 2016) Owner & Winegrower: Nathalie Despagne Harvest dates:

Location: south-east of the Appellation (Figeac & La Tour Figeac)

Surface area: 4.56 hectares

Soil-type: sandy-gravelly soils

Average age of the vines: 30 years old

Planting density: 6 500 vines per hectare

Grape varieties: 90 % Merlot - 10 % Cabernet Franc

Growing method: Organic Agriculture, certified by

Ecocert since 2009

Vineyard management: Soil ploughing, grassing down

and green harvests

Harvests: hand-picked, using small plastic crates, with sorting when picking and at the vat house

Winemaking: traditional methods and a plot-by-plot management system, in stainless steel vats equipped with temperature-control (57 and 40 hectolitres)

Oenologist: Mikaël Laizet (Rolland Laboratory)

Maturation: French oak barrels

Average yield: 35 hectolitres per hectare

Bottling: at the wine estate

Presentation & labelling: Heavy, antique green-coloured bottle, natural cork stopper, tin bottle cap, label and back-label.

Packaging: Cardboard box or stamped wooden case of 6 bottles lying flat and 12 bottles in two layers.



Area under vine: 3,68 hectares

Merlots: 27th and 28th September Cabernets: 30th September

# Winemaking methods:

Temperature is gradually increased to 27° during alcoholic fermentation, to 35° for maceration; then each batch is run off into barrels for the malolactic fermentation.

2013

Horizontal pneumatic press

## Maturation:

60% new oak barrels and 40% one-vintage

70% Merlot – 30% Cabernet Franc

19 hectolitres per hectare

## Production:

2 800 bottles : Château La Rose Figeac

7 200 bottles 2<sup>nd</sup> wines

## Tasting note:

The first nose reveals lovely pure aromas of fresh, ripe red fruit. After swirling the wine, a delicate scent of wood blends well with the fruit. The tannins ar subtle and the finish retains good balance between a woody hint, aclohol and acidity.

























