



### SOILS

clayey and sandy

### GRAPE VARIETIES

90% merlot  
10% cabernet franc

### VINE- CARE

sustainable  
agriculture methods

### HISTORY

Created in 1937, The Union de Producteurs de LUGON is situated in the heart of Bordeaux region, close to Saint-Emilion and Pomerol. The winery represents 130 winegrowers who tend 800 hectares of vines. Every year, it produces the equivalent of 6 million bottles of 6 appellations especially Fronsac and Bordeaux.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS

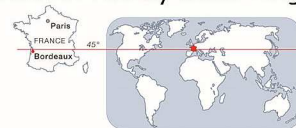
After the exceptional vintage 2015, 2016 is unquestionably remarkable in Bordeaux, combining quality, quantity, and a very classic style. This high quality depends on relatively quick flowering and fruit-set during weather that is sufficiently warm and dry. And, the month of dry July slowed down and put a definitive stop to vine growth no later than the beginning of véraison. Thanks to dry and warm weather in the months of August and September provided full ripening of the various grape varieties. Then, a sunny mid-September and month of October virtually without any rain completed ripening and made for a leisurely harvest. Because of all this well climatic conditions, the grapes had an amazing color, also they were aromatic with a nice acidity. The 2016 red wines give every indication of being outstanding. They have an amazing colour. They are also fruity, without any herbaceousness, and combine the tannic power of great vintages with a deliciously velvety texture.

### BLENDING AND AGEING

Following consultation with our oenologist, Grand Duché was blended in function of plot origins to achieve a balanced wine. The wine was aged in stainless steel vats during 6 months.

### TASTING NOTES

A fresh and beautiful wine with so much spicy and mineral character. Lovely fruit. Bright finish.



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