

# Noroît



## Noroît Red 2020

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

### PRESENTATION

Noroît is a single-varietal micro-cuvée from Château de Rochemorin. Its name is inspired by a seafaring term meaning a north-westerly wind, and echoes the estate's most north-westerly parcel. A confidential wine made from a historic Bordeaux grape variety with long Médoc roots, Petit Verdot. This terroir, rich in organic matter, provides optimal conditions for the full expression of its aromatic potential. With a fine tannic structure, fatness and freshness, it reveals notes of black fruit and cedar, which give it a lot of deliciousness. Good ageing potential. Only 1,200 bottles produced each year.

### THE VINTAGE

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

2020 was marked by very mild temperatures and contrasting precipitation: heavy spring rainfall was followed by an intense summer drought. The fairly mild winter led to early bud break. The summer heat gave way to cool nights in late August, ideal for ripening grapes.

#### HARVEST

09/22/2020

### THE WINE

#### VARIETALS

Petit verdot 100%

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

13 % vol.

#### TASTING

Deep red colour with purple highlights.

Nose opens up with a light woody note before allowing a profusion of black fruit notes (blackberry and blueberry), to which are added aromas of cocoa.

Mouth with a nice tannic structure. The mid-palate is full and fresh. Notes of black fruit (blackberry, blueberry), combined with aromas of cedar, bring a lot of greed. This is a wine with good ageing potential.

#### SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 17°C

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years



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### THE VINEYARD

#### TERROIR

Deep gravel on clay subsoil

#### SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

5.68 ha

#### AGE OF VINES

5 years old

#### IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double Guyot

Grape harvest: Manual harvesting

### THE CELLAR

#### WINEMAKING

Vinification in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks.  
Maceration for 3 weeks.

#### AGEING

Aged in 250 and 500 litre barrels (50% new wood).

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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"This, too, is a little smoky and meaty, but rather closer to the slightly austere and serious Coeur Perdu than the more boisterous and effervescent Tracé in style. There's a lovely note of cedar already. And, again like the Coeur Perdu, a beautifully luminous almost crystalline, limpid mid-palate charged with fresh, crunchy dark berry fruits (loganberry and raspberry above all). At first it's not as peppery as you expect, but with more air-time (as it were) assorted crushed peppercorn notes gradually reveal themselves, but never in a dominant way. We have great purity and precision here – a very direct and clear expression of the varietal. I love the subtle floral element that I was not really expecting and that linger on the finish – hibiscus perhaps. Tender, lithe, sumptuous."  
Colin Hay, The Drinks Business, 06/12/2022

92+/100



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