

Clos d'Audhuy 2015 Cahors (Malbec)

WineWise Code	FCD-CAH15
Country	France
Region	Cahors
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	13.9
Acidity	3.16
Residual Sugar	1.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	300
Varieties	Malbec 100%
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Both
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	21 days
Aging method	Used barrique 100%
Aging duration (months)	18
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Lees Contact or Stirring	None
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes 85 mg/L
Vineyard Name	La Cote
Soil Type(s)	Silex, Limestone
Elevation (meters)	150
Vine age (years)	35
Vine Yields hl/ha	35
Farming practices	Organic
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

WineWise Notes:

The estate's flagship wine is an intelligent compromise between ancient and modern. The handling of the musts is similarly gentle, but the maceration is much longer (25 days) and the wine spends 12 months in 400 liter barriques, of which half are new. The resultant wine is dark as night, but plushly textured. With air, some of that wild, brambly Cahors character comes to the fore.



Notes from the producer:

This is an old family vineyard. The vineyard is planted on a varied and beautiful terroir (limestone plateau, gravel, clay...). Benoit Aymard in 2014 began to work commercially with a little part of the vineyard. Berrit Aymard is Oenologist, he has worked for different companies in France, USA and Argentina. He specialized in Malbec and restored the family vineyard with the desire to produce quality in relation to the terroir.

WineWise Notes on Clos d'Audhuy:

We have never been particular fans of Malbec's expression in Cahors, but this recent discovery caused us to re-examine our prejudices. Benoit Aymard took over the small estate founded by his grandfather as recently as 2014. He did not want to reinvent the wheel, so to speak, but he was interested in putting his own stamp on the family's traditional wines. The land he inherited is already very complex geologically-speaking, and also relatively steep for the region. But he recently planted some very sparse parcels at 260 meters in elevation on limestone-rich soils dating to the Kimmeridgian era.

