

2013 G'Acte 5, Bordeaux Superieur

Guinaudeau, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2013	Drinking:	Now 2024
Producer:	Guinaudeau	Alcohol:	
Region:	Bordeaux Wine Region	Variety:	Bordeaux blend
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

The Guinaudeau family, owners of Château Lafleur, began their Acte series with the intention of producing a more affordable wine whilst retaining all the hallmarks of their famed estate. Acte is a new player on the Right Bank born of the brilliance of one of the best established and most lauded estates. Using Lafleur massale vine clones on clay-limestone terroir in Fronsac this wine artfully communicates the considerable potential of this lesser known appellation. The tiny south facing plot allows the Merlot and Cabernet Franc to achieve ripeness levels that provide immediate pleasure as well as the ability to cellar for many years. Acte, then, is a Grand Vin in its own right and tasted alongside Pensées de Lafleur and Lafleur its pedigree is clear to see.

Reviews

The 2013 Acte 5, the first vintage to include selection massale Cabernet Franc from Château Lafleur, has a very conservative and quite earthy bouquet, nicely defined if just missing a little vigour due to the challenging growing season. It seems a little static at the moment, a bit lethargic in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a fine bead of acidity, actually better than the nose suggests. Harmonious and lithe, it gradually deepens with blackberry pastille and a hint of salted liquorice on the finish that I notice becomes leafier with time. It ends up better than anticipated, a 2013 handicapped by the aromatics. Tasted at the Acte vertical in London. **89 Points, Neal Martin, The Wine Advocate**

About the producer

Under the Guinaudeau Family Vignerons umbrella is the G'Acte series from Château Grand Village. The massale selection nursery - planted by Baptiste and Julie in 2009 with Cabernet Franc and Merlot cuttings from Château Lafleur - is maturing impressively. The family records its development each year - the viticultural equivalent of pencil height marks on a door frame - by producing modern, poised wines called G'Acte 1, G'Acte 2 and so. As time goes on, these statements should record Fronsac's return to prominence in Bordeaux. Almost certainly, Château Grand Village wine deserves a higher status than Bordeaux Supérieur.

