HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Le Faîte Rouge

Price	£24.99
Code	FAIT005

Le Faîte, either red or white, is the iconic wine of the Saint Mont appellation. Blending of this Grand Cru is an unmissable annual event, conducted by big names in wine and food. Le Faîte's wooden label pays tribute to the winegrowers of the past who kept their exceptional wines under the clay soil, identified by a slither of wood.



Tasting Notes:

The red Le Faîte (from Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinenc grapes) is produced from several of the best terroirs in the Aignan, Plaisance, and Saint Mont. They comprise limestone and variegated clay soils, and fawn-coloured sand. The parcels are old enough for the vine roots to accept regulated water, and have been selected for their cool geographical situations in order to produce grapes bursting with all the power and freshness the area's microclimate can bestow. The wine is well structured, and develops an aromatic complexity of black fruit (blackberry, blackcurrant) and liqueur, underlined by subtly toasted notes.

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Specification	
Vinification	A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, local Pinenc and the mighty Tannat grapes, grown in the cool and moist hills of the St Mont appellation in Gascony. Protection of the vineyard is sustainable thanks to the latest-generation equipment and techniques. The wine is barrel-aged for 12 months, then spends a further 4 months in tank to bring complete harmony to the cuvée. The blend is put together annually by a committee of wine professionals, celebrities and the winemakers at the Caves.
ABV	14%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now
Country	France
Region	Gascony
Area	Pays du Gers
Sub Area	Saint Mont
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinenc grape blend.
Genres	Vegan, Vegetarian
Vintage	2021
Body	Rich, bold and robust
Producer	Producteurs Plaimont
Producer Overview	Situated in the heart of South-West France, the Plaimont vineyards stretch from the foothills of the Pyrenees to the hills and valleys of Gascony covering a uniquely rich terroir.
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	This wine goes very well with finely sliced cured ham. Or try with duck breast stuffed with mushrooms. Equally a good accompaniment to fine cheeses.
Press Comments	Wine Merchant Top 100, Highly Commended: "Super punchy with firm textured tannins; intense and ready for duck confit." Decanter 2022, Andy Howard's Top Wines from South West France: "Over the past 10 years, Producteurs Plaimont has confirmed its reputation as one of the powerhouses of French wine production, yet still proceeds to drive the quality and innovation bar even higher. Le Faite is a top of the range Saint mont with an intriguing nose of wild flowers and leafy raspberry. Oak is evident and needs a little longer to fully integrate. Weighty palate with masses of concentration, dark berry fruit, ripe tannins and fresh acidity keeping everything in balance. **Read more online**