

# Organic Madiran Les Hautains Plaimont 2020



## Region

The terroir across the Côtes de Gascogne area is transitional, with the maritime effect of the Atlantic ocean giving way to a more continental climate in the east of Gers. In the east, summers are warmer and drier, and the clay limestone soils retain water more effectively. Nearer the coast, loose, sandy soils with good drainage and high rainfall characterize the vineyards. The wines of Gascogne provide reliable, fresh whites from a combination of Ugni Blanc, Colombard, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, and assertive, mineral rich reds from a base of Tannat.

## Producer

In 1979, three wine cellars in the towns of Plaisance, Aignan and Saint Mont, combined their forces and their initials (PL for Plaisance, AI for Aignan and Mont for Saint-Mont) to create a union of cooperatives, which became Plaimont in Saint-Mont, in the Gers. Another major wine cellar, Condom (the Côtes de Gascogne and Côtes du Condomois PGIs) joined them in 1999. Located in the heart of South-West France, Plaimont's vineyards stretch out over a uniquely rich terroir from the foothills of the Pyrenees to the rolling hills of Gascony.

## Tasting Notes

This organic Madiran is a blend, dominated by the local Tannat variety, but also containing some Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. All three varieties are fermented separately, undergoing light pumping overs for gentle extractions. This is to obtain a balanced level of tannins for structure. There is no oak age in this wine, it is just aged in concrete for light oxygen exposure. Rich on the nose with dark black fruits and spice, combined with a juicy body and powerful yet silky tannins.

## Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	South West - Gascogne
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Tannat (100%)
<b>Type</b>	Red
<b>Style</b>	Rich
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Oaked
<b>Body Style</b>	Medium bodied
<b>Sustainable</b>	Yes-certified sustainable

<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Dry
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	14.5%
<b>Closure Style</b>	Cork
<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	Organic
<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b> No <b>Egg:</b> No
<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b> Yes <b>Vegan:</b> Yes



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