



# CROCUS

## LE CALCIFÈRE 2014

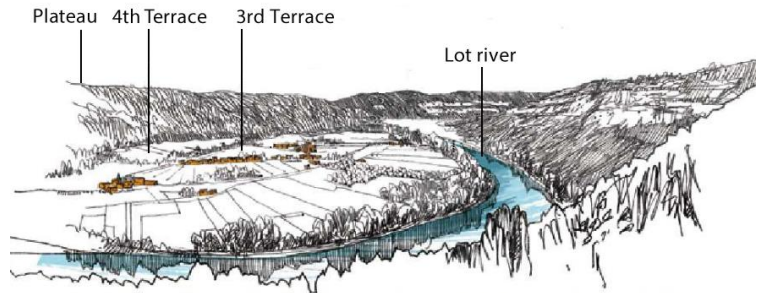
### Malbec de Cahors

One of Cahors' strength is its great diversity of soils. There are 9 generally recognized broad terroirs with a large palette of microclimates to give added nuance to each vineyard, each block. By creating this wine, Paul and Bertrand Gabriel look to highlight the expressions of select terroirs of the Lot valley.

<b>Terroirs</b>	<b>Plateau</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Terrace</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace</b>
<b>Geologic time</b> (Million yrs ago)	2 <sup>nd</sup> stage of the Jurassic (157.3 to 152.1)	Quaternary (2.6 to now)	Mindel (0.7 to 0.5)
<b>Soil</b>	Kimmeridgian limestone rocks, iron-rich red clays	limestone screes, gravels, very ancient alluvial deposits	pebbles, clay, sand, iron concretion, very ancient alluvial deposits
<b>Avg. Elev. (ft)</b>	980	788	558
<b>Wine profile</b>	structure, energy	red fruits, hints of rustic earthiness	bold black fruits, supple tannins, roundness

### Vineyard

- Guyot-pruned to one arm
- High density planting 12,350 vines/ acre (5000 vines/ ha)
- 2.2 tons per acre (40 hl/ ha)
- Low-input methods "lutte raisonnée"; dry-farmed



### Growing Season

Spring provided ideal conditions for flowering. Weather-wise, summer was quite autumnal; however, in September the Crocus vineyard sites experienced a sunny, dry Indian summer (with a record number of sunny days), with a marked thermal amplitude, ideal for optimal maturity and vine health.

### Winemaking

- 100% Malbec
- Hand harvest October 1st - 4th
- Fruit selected from the plateau, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> terrace
- 3-day cold soak, 22-days total maceration
- Fermentations in small stainless steel tanks
- Cap management via pump-over and "delestage"
- 18 months in 50% new, 50% single use French oak

### Tasting Notes

An intensely dark wine with touches of fuchsia on the rim. This generous Malbec brims with aromas of black and red cherry, blueberry cheesecake and spice box. The palate is concentrated and bright, cascading with focused flavors of brioche, fresh red plum, dark chocolate and nutmeg supported by fine-grained tannins.

**Production:** 1,928 cases (bottled in Sept '16)

