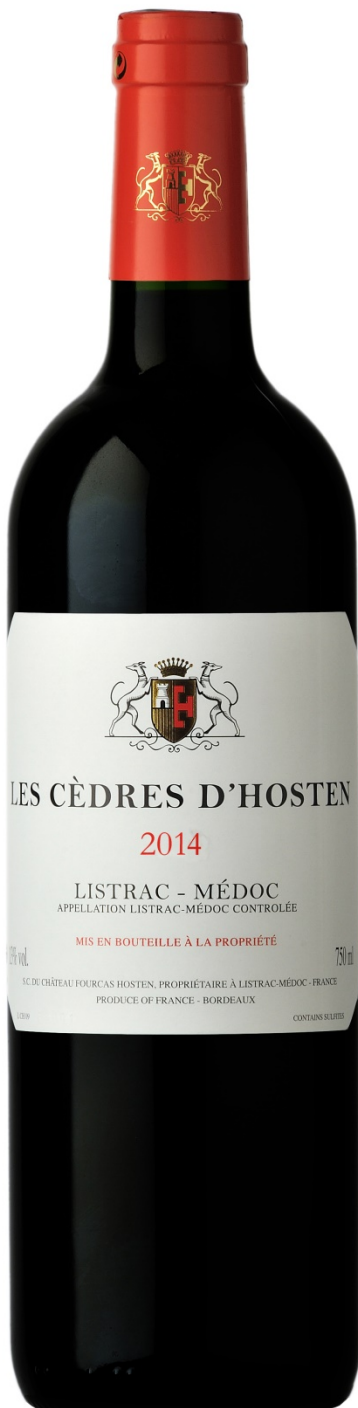




## CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

*Vintage 2014*

**Crispy & precise**



The last winter appeared to be particularly hot and favoured an early vine-growth. We had frost only 8 times. Spring was characterized by high temperatures, but offset by fresh temperatures at night. Thus, budburst only began around mid-March while remaining two weeks ahead of the usual cycle. April was very dry. In June, blooming got off to a great start, filling us with optimism for the future. From July, the Veraison seemed more disorganized: it started early and ended late, with changes of colors until after mid-August. Summer was really disappointing. Fortunately, the weather became very nice from the 29th of August. And this incredible Indian summer settled down until the last day of October. September was one of the driest and hottest in the last century. Thanks to this wonderful weather conditions we were able to harvest at the appropriate pace. We could wait until the perfect level of maturity.

### Grape harvest dates

- Merlot: from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Franc: October 18<sup>th</sup>

### Blending

- 84 % Merlot
- 16 % Cabernet Sauvignon

### Yield

40,5 hl/ha

### Production

54.000 bottles

### Bottling date at the château

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

### Alcoholic degree

12,5 % Vol.