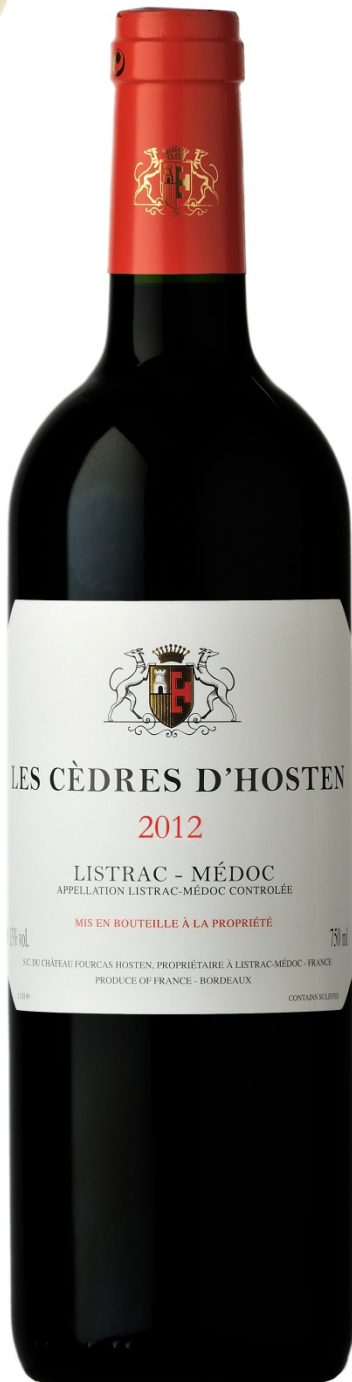




## CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

*Vintage 2012*

## Silky



The first flowers appeared around May 25<sup>th</sup>. Climate conditions were really favorable from mid-July. August and September, with heat and drought, enabled to reduce the gap of maturity between grapes. Temperatures were particularly high during the last two weeks of August. August 2012 so topping the list of the hottest months of August in the last decade.

This year, harvest started willingly very late at Château Fourcas Hosten compared to other Médoc estates. Worthwhile efforts thanks to the very good sanitary state of the grapes until the crop. This was the result of a demanding work in the vineyards throughout the vegetative cycle: removal of leaves and side shoots, soil work...

This vintage is also characterized by its low yield per hectare: 42 Hl/Ha. From this small crop results a vintage that is seriously structured, and with a high ageing potential.

### Grape harvest dates

- Merlot: from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Franc: October 20<sup>th</sup>

### Blending

- 61 % Merlot
- 39 % Cabernet Sauvignon

### Yield

42 hl/ha

### Production

36.000 bottles

### Bottling date at the château

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Alcoholic degree

12,5 % Vol.