



Domaine du Théron 2002

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée Cahors

Producer/Cellarmaster:	SCEA Domaine du Théron, Henri-Jean Crassat
Wine-growing:	Based on an environment-friendly method; this protects microbial life in its soils and its subsoil's.
Soil:	Limestone-clay mixture and loam (sand-clay mixture); also known as Argilo calcaire and Argilo sableux
Vineyard:	95% Malbec, 5% Merlot The grafting stock used is SO4, Riparia Gloire and 3309. The vines are planted about 1 meter interval to each other and with 2 to 3 meters interval between the rows. This represents 4.500 vines per hectare. The yield per hectare is 45 hectolitres. The age of the vines is about 23 years. Cane pruning (Guyot simple; 1 shoot with 6 buds and 1 spur) as much old wood is conserved as possible which allows the sap to circulate more slowly and regularly thus reducing the rupture of the grape caused by excess sap. After flowering: green harvest; an elimination of excess bunches before they develop and change colour. Also suppression by hand or mechanical of the parasite spurs. We thin the leaves at the height of the grapes, this to reach an optimum ripeness of the grapes. Grass is growing between the rows, in order to improve the soils, fight against erosion, stop weed killers and control the production.
Harvest:	from the 6 th and 7 th of October 2002
Vinification:	Maceration during 14 up to 29 days in stainless-steel temperature controlled vats. We keep the fermentation temperature at 28 degrees Celsius maximum. After fermentation 'élevage' for 30% in barrels and 70% in stainless-steel vats. The barrels have been used several times. The ages of those are 1 to 5 years. All wines of Domaine du Théron have been bottled at the estate (mis en bouteille au domaine).
Packaging:	Sort of bottle: Evolution Saint-Gobain; 460 gr., 75 cl., height 300,5 mm, rayon 76,3 Sort of cork: Mélan Moutet cork 49/24, 2 nd cat., Inscription : 'mis en bouteille au domaine'

