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# Domaine Monte de Luz

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CARQUERA

TANNAT

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## ▪ HISTORY

The Monte de Luz vineyard was planted in 2000. After two unfruitful voyages, Jean Jacques Lesgourgues, proprietor of the Laubade Armagnacs and other wine domains in France, accompanied by Gabriel Gallot, reputed geologist, returned to Uruguay to discover one of the most unique terroir in the world.

A moderate, atlantic climate on shistous soil that was found thanks to the Carquera, a local plant growing on this soil and consequently the name of this cuvee.

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## ▪ SOIL

The 90 acres of Monte de Luz are located at 500 feet altitude at the foot of the Mahoma mountain in the D.O. San Jose. The soil is composed of rare vertical schists.

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## ▪ GRAPE VARIETY

100% **Tannat**. Thanks to the strong know-how and many years of experience in **Madiran, Southwest France**, the Lesgourgues family is able to grow beautiful Tannat grapes in this outstanding terroir.



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## ▪ VINIFICATION

Uruguay has a strong wine tradition as a result of cultivating grapes and making wine for more than 150 years. Monte de Luz benefits from the expertise of Patrick Soye, our in-house winemaker. From the harvest to the vinification, the grapes receive optimum care: yields 50% lower than the national legislation, manual grape harvesting in small boxes, temperature controlled vinification. These together produce wines that are elegant, complex and well balanced.

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## ▪ TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet colour with a violet rim. Lovely nose of ripened fruit with plum and cherry supported by mineral notes. Dense, powerful, juicy with a long and elegant finish. Smooth tanins.