

Domaines et Château d'Alain Brumont

Madiran – Torus – 2004

Southwest, France



Producer Alain Brumont is widely recognized as the revolutionary figure who elevated the **Madiran** region of Southwest France to global prominence. His wines, particularly those under the **Château Montus** and **Château Bouscassé** labels, are celebrated for their mastery of the **Tannat** grape, transforming what was once a rustic, highly tannic variety into sophisticated, age-worthy masterpieces Domaines et Château d'Alain Brumont
Age of Vines 40 years plus

Varietals 50% Tannat, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc
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Superficial clay and limestone on rock or grebb.
50 to 55 hl/ha

Winemaking process Cold maceration. Then fermentation in oak vats at 24-26° C. Malolactic fermentation in these same vats. The ageing process is about 12 months: 50% in one year old barrels and 50% in oak vats

Bottles 20,000 bottles

Tasting tips A wine allying the ardor of Tannat and its fruit. Compromised between wines of the former ancient and the new world. Fleshy, deep, powerful, brilliant, concentrated wine which we can guard but also drink in its youth. Tasting Date: July 2007

Bob Campbell's 93-Point Review While full tasting notes for this specific score are often behind archival paywalls, Campbell's high rating typically reflects his view of Torus as a technical achievement—taming the aggressive Tannat grape from younger vines (approx. 15 years old) without the use of heavy oak, resulting in a more approachable and "plush" profile **Significance:** This score is frequently cited by wine merchants as it stood in sharp contrast to more conservative "Old World" reviews from the same period.

