

Château Le Raz belongs to Barde family since 1958 and is located in the village of Saint Méard de Gurçon in Périgord. The vineyard stretches over 65 hectares and sits on clay-limestone hillsides and high sand-clay plateaus with iron bearing subsoil. 30 hectares are dedicated to white grapes (Sauvignon, Sémillon and Muscadelle). 35 hectares are dedicated to red grapes like: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. The two-floor gravity fed cellar allows production of elegant wines, with aromas delicacy.

SOCIUS is an IGP Périgord wine, South West of France in the region called Dordogne. They earned the appellation This is a reward of efforts winemakers have been doing to increase quality of their wines and to put forward their tradition and terroir. Therefore 2009 the IGP appellation was granted to the region.



- **GRAPES** : Merlot 60%, Cabernet Franc 5%, Malbec 35%.
- **AGE OF THE VINES AND SOIL** : Clay limestone soil with an iron bearing subsoil. Young vines of 4 to 8 years.
- **METHOD OF CULTIVATION** : The vines share the soil with grass growing between lines of vines to slow down their vigorous growth and are defoliated on the side the rising sun.
- **WINE-MAKING**: A selected destemmed harvest, followed by fermentation at 25° and then 30° enables a gentle extraction of tannins and color. After malolactic fermentation, the wine is developed in vat for some months before bottling.
- **CHARACTERISTICS** : A beautiful color with a nose of ripe fruits for this silky wine. Gentle attack, red fruit flavors, round tannins, slightly spiced, SOCIUS is a wine to drink young.

Serve between 15 and 17°C