

# Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

**Appellation** : Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

**Soil type** : clayey limestone and gravel

**Surface area** : 35 hectares (86 ½ acres)

**Grapes varieties** : 75 % Merlot, 25 % Cabernet

**Wine making techniques** : cold soak before fermentation, slow alcoholic fermentation with controlled temperatures. Vatting period adjusted after daily tasting to achieve the extraction of the finest possible tannins and aromas. Malolactic fermentation at a constant temperature.

**Ageing** is carried out using staves

**Planting density** : 5,000 vines per hectare

**Average age of the vines** : 20 years

**Pruning method** : double Guyot

**Tastign comments** : lovely deep ruby colour with gold tints. Very expressive bouquet so typical of the Cabernet variety with its hint of **menthol and autumnal fragrances**.

The wine is rich with delicate woodiness on the palate. It has breeding and is very elegant with all the aromas you could wish for on the finish.

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It produces characteristically **supple, round,**

**generous wines**, the latter feature being inherited

from the men and women who look after them”

The lovely babbling Artolie stream that winds its way along the bottom of the narrow Paillet valley is **reminiscent of Ancient Greece** and has the atmosphere of Arcadia, the innocent, carefree land of shepherds.

The priory of **Sainte-Catherine of Artolie** used to lie upstream to the north-west. Since the 12th century, the door of the Sainte-Catherine chapel benevolently overlooks this **plot of Gironde land that looks out over the River Garonne**.

The **56-hectare** (138-acre) Sainte-Catherine vineyard flourishes before a panorama that takes in the Garonne valley and the Landes forests beyond.

**“The quality of Sainte-Catherine wines is primarily down to the soil and the vines.”**

It is now **owned by Jean Merlaut**, who acquired it in 2013. Merlaut is a winegrower and passionate visionary, who seeks out, enhances and optimises high-potential terroirs. More specifically, he manages Château Dudon, Malagar (the former property of François Mauriac) and Gruaud Larose, a Saint-Julien 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Cru Classé. Around him a team of committed and enthusiastic women and men strive to achieve excellence in their work on the land, thereby contributing to the reputation for quality and enjoyment of our complete range of wines: whites, reds and rosés. **Our wines have won awards at different competitions.**



## 2016 – Technical data sheet

**Blend** : 81 % Merlot, 19 % Cabernet

**Harvest dates** : started on 27<sup>th</sup> September and ended on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Yield** : 5,200 litres per hectare

**Production** : 101,000 bottles, 2,380 half-bottles and 635 magnums

**Bottled** from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

**Tasting comments** : dark, dense colour. Spice, especially cinnamon, on the nose with liquorice and brandy. Dense attack, silky tannins, fills the mouth. Liquorice root on the finish, quite long.