

Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

No added Sulphite

Appellation : Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

Soil : clayey limestone and gravel

Surface area : 1,5 ha

Grapes varieties : 100 % Merlot

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 : 100 % Vat

Planting density : 5 000 vines per hectare

Average age of the vines : 20 years

Pruning method : double Guyot

Particularity : it comes from the selection of our most beautiful Merlot plots. It is vinified in a traditional way, in the greatest respect of the fruit and without any addition of sulphite, from the harvest to the bottling.

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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.

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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 acres) 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 required it in 2013. Merlaut is a wine grower 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 Graud larose, a Saint Julien 2nd 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.

2021 - Technical data sheet

Blend : 100 % Merlot

Harvest dates : 12th of September 2021

Yield : 31 hl/ha

Production : 6440 bottles

Bottled on March 24th 2022

Tasting comments : A bright red, brilliant, purplish colour. Expressive nose with notes of cherries, black fruit compote and vanilla. The palate is fruity and coffee-like with a nice tension in the middle. The aromatic persistence is intense, greedy and elegant.

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