

Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

Appellation : AOC Bordeaux - Clairet

Surface area : 3 hectares (7^{1/2} acres)

Origin : 100% Merlot

Wine making techniques : the juice is allowed to settle at a low temperature before alcoholic fermentation begins. The juice is seeded with scrupulously selected yeasts. The temperature is kept at 16°C (61°F) during fermentation to protect the fruit and maintain freshness.

Ageing : the wine is lightly filtered and aged in stainless steel tanks for three months before bottling.

Tasting comments : lovely deep purplish colour. On the nose it is warm and welcoming with hints of fresh grape and dry fruits. This wine is quaffable and spritzy on the tongue with an aromatic finish. It is a pleasant accompaniment for cold meats and garlic sausage, pizzas and fresh pasta,

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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 wines »

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 d'udon, Malagar (the former property of François Mauriac) and Grnaud 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.

2020— Technical data sheet

Merlot varietal

Harvest date : from September 10th 2020

Yield : 40 hl/ha

Production : 12 584 bottles and 560 ½ bouteilles

Bottled on March 3rd 2021

Tasting comments : Bright and clear color. Currant nose, fresh and delicate, Englis candy. On the palate, volume with tart notes, grilled and fresh. Elegant and racy on the finish.

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