

# Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

**Appellation** : AOC Bordeaux - Clairet

**Surface area** : 3 hectares (7<sup>1/2</sup> 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 the aged in stainless steel tanks for three months before 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

## 2021 – Technical data sheet

**Merlot varietal**

**Harvest date** : from September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Yield** : 40 hl/ha

**Production** : 6215 bottles and 617 ½ bouteilles

**Bottled on** February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Tasting comments** : Cherry red in colour, it is a delicately acidic wine with notes of fruit and liquorice. On the palate, a beautiful aromatic explosion of small red fruits is to be discovered (redcurrant, raspberry, strawberry), supported by an elegant bitterness on the finish.

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