

# Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

Appellation : AOC Bordeaux - Rosé

Surface area : 7 hectares

Grape varieties : 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet

Origin : all the juice used to make this rosé is taken from fruit that is directly pressed after harvesting

Wine making techniques : the juice is allowed to settle at a low temperature, it is then racked before alcoholic fermentation takes place at a controlled temperature of 14°C(57°F). The juice is seeded with scrupulously selected yeasts. The fruit aromas are preserved at this low fermentation temperature. The wine is then aged on its lees for one month to improve its flavours.

Ageing takes place after light filtration in stainless steel vats for three months before bottling.

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 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

Blend : 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet

Harvest dates : at the beginning of September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Yield : 40 hl/ha

Production : 11131 bottles, 1200 ½ bottles

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

Tasting comments: Bright color, slightly brackish,. Nose of small fruits, delicate and fresh. The mouth is fresh, fat with a nice acidity, long and ending with a greed of fruit.

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