

# Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

**Appellation** : Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

**Soil type** : clayey limestone and gravel

**Superficie area** : 35 ha (86 ¼ acres)

**Grapes varieties** : 80 % Merlot, 20 % 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 100 % in vats

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

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

**Pruning method** : double Guyot

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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 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 Iarose, 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.**

## 2017 – Technical Data sheet

**Blend** : 80 % Merlot, 20 % Cabernet

**Harvest dates** : October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

**Yield** : 42 hl/ha

**Production** : 40500 bottles

**Bottled** : from March 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Tasting comments** : Ruby-garnet wine , fresh and elegant with dominant notes of red fruits.

