

Château SAINTE-CATHERINE

Appellation : Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

Soil type : clayey limestone and gravel

Superficie area : 35 ha (86 ½ 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 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 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 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.

2018 – Technical Data sheet

Blend : 80 % Merlot, 20 % Cabernet

Harvest dates : started on September 21st and ended on October 2nd 2017

Yield : 52 hl/ha

Production : 106670 bottles and 2380 ½ bottles

Bottled : from July 28th to 31st, 2020

Tasting comments : Dark color, a nose of subtle spices, red berries and blond tobacco. The palate is supple enhanced by round tannins. A fresh and pleasant wine with toasted notes.

