

Vintage 2016

Energy & Elegance

70% Merlot - 30% Cabernet Franc

Château La Croix Lartigue

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The Vineyard

AREA	8 hectares
TERROIR	clay-limestone, clay-gravel on south-facing hills
AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES	40 years-old+
VARIETIES	82% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc
DENSITY OF PLANTATION	6 600 vines/hectares
VINEYARD MANAGEMENT	no chemical weed control, cereals and leguminous plants are grown to fertilize and oxygenate the soil.

The Vintage

Full of suspense! After the beautiful winter season, the rain, combined with mild temperatures led us to fear an early growing cycle. Yet, the low temperatures in spring put things back in order. Then the risk of frost followed by heavy rains just before summer reignited our concerns. But the weather conditions between June and September : heat, drought, and some refreshing showers helped produce ripe and aromatic fruits thanks to the cooler summer nights.

HARVEST by hand from October 7th to 20th 2016

The Cellar

MATURATION	12 months in barrels : 40% new, 60% one-year old and 12 months in vats
PRODUCTION	21 540 bottles and 130 magnums – 15% vol.

NOTES & Awards

JAMES SUCKLING	92/100
JAMES MOLESWORTH	90/100
ANDREAS LARSSON	92/100
MUNDUS VINI 2020	Gold medal

Pretty tasty, beautiful elegant back ground, Castillon with class.

(Bettane & Desseauve 90-91/100)

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