

Vintage 2018

Fruit & Power

60% Cabernet Franc - 40% Merlot

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+
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

A rainy winter that replenishes the water supplies, but a **difficult vintage** with a succession of rainfalls with temperatures favorable to mildew. **The beautiful and dry summer saved the vintage**, combined with low temperatures at night which resulted in fruits full of ripe tannins and aromatic freshness.

HARVEST by hand from September 25th to October 9th 2018

The Cellar

MATURATION	in barrels : 40% new, 60% one-year old
LENGTH OF AGING	12 months in barrels, 12 months in vats
PRODUCTION	13 580 bottles and 131 magnums – 14.5% vol.

NOTES & Awards

JAMES SUCKLING	94/100
LISA PERROTTI-BROWN	90-92/100
JEB DUNNUCK	90/100

An explosion of black fruits on the nose, an aromatic, powerful and intense mouth carried by solid, structured and ripe tannins. A very fine wine in the making... (Tasted on 26/2/21 in Ste Colombe)

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