

Vintage 2019

Silkiness & Freshness

55% Cabernet Franc - 45% 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

An unusually **hot and dry winter** that continued into spring with an **early start to the vegetative cycle** that was quickly "slowed down" by spring frost. Then the low temperatures set in with rainfalls in the seasonal average. After heavy rains in early June on the flowering vines, the **summer was scorching hot** and only a **consistent management of tillage and vineyard work** helped mitigate the impact of the **lack of water**. The rains at the end of July contributed to the start of veraison, but the grapes continued their development in a context of water deficit until the rains at the end of September which benefited the best soils.

HARVEST by hand from October 3rd 2019

The Cellar

WINEMAKING	whole-bunch, pigeage, malolactic fermentation in barrels and vats
AGING	12 months in barrels on lies, batonnage, then 12 months in vats
PRODUCTION	6 522 bottles and 60 magnums – 14.5% vol.

NOTES & Awards

JAMES SUCKLING	92/100
JEB DUNNUCK	90/100
CONCOURS MONDIAL DE BRUXELLES 2023	GOLD MEDAL
MUNDUS VINI 2023	GOLD MEDAL

Sweet floral aromas of rose, intense ruby color; notes of cedar appear with aeration. The texture is silky. The power of the wine is balanced by a great freshness that contributes to its length. The aromas of small red fruits and spices testify to the presence of majority Cabernet Franc in this blend. The tannins are fine and saline: a beautiful expression of the clay-limestone plateau of Château La Croix Lartigue. Drink from 2025 and until 2030...

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