

Vintage 2020

Maturity & Finesse

60% Cabernet Franc - 40% Merlot

Château La Croix Lartigue

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
1st vintage HVE₃ certified



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

Born under **exceptional circumstances**, it is also an **early vintage** : a winter that broke **rainfalls records** under **mild temperatures**, conditions that stretched until the end of Spring, making it both difficult to work in the vineyards and essential to monitor the sanitary conditions of the vines. **In July, a more favorable weather** set in (drought and fresh temperatures). The intensity of the hydric stress (specific to each terroir) impacted the quality of the vintage. The high temperatures during the days combined with fresh nights had a positive effect on the **phenolic maturity and the vibrancy of the aromas**. **Harvest took place under very favourable conditions.**

HARVEST by hand from September 18th 2020

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	6 915 bottles and 60 magnums – 14.5% vol.

NOTES & Awards

JAMES SUCKLING	93/100	ANTONIO GALLONI (VINOUS)	92/100
JEB DUNNUCK	90/100		
CONCOURS DE BORDEAUX 2023		GOLD MEDAL	
DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2024		GOLD MEDAL	95/100
CONCOURS MONDIAL DE BRUXELLES 2024		GOLD MEDAL	
MUNDUS VINI 2024		GOLD MEDAL	

Very deep ruby color, nuanced by purple reflections. Gooseberry and intense aromas of blackberries characterize the first nose. Then, it evolves towards notes of violet. Cabernet franc leaves its mark on the wine. The palate is an example of balance between power and elegance. The tannins are fine and refined, typical of the great limestone terroirs. The acidity supports the remarkably long finish. Notes of peony slowly appear. This wine is the perfect combination of the freshness of the clay-limestone soil and the warmth of a great year. To drink or to hold until 2030

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