

Vintage 2021

Balance & Vibrancy

65% Cabernet Franc - 35% Merlot



Château La Croix Lartigue

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
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

Throughout the winter, mild temperatures and rainfall exceeded all records, leading to an early vintage. But soon the year experienced a new climatic event with frost from April 7 to 9. From mid-May, conditions became more favorable again, however flawless work in the vines was essential to protect them. A very cool and humid summer led to a long veraison. September was more favorable and concentrated the maturation period without, however, offering ideal conditions for optimum ripening. We began the Merlot harvest as soon as the sun and heat returned, giving the Cabernets time to perfect their maturity under better conditions.

HARVEST by hand from October 5th 2021

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	3 738 bottles and 30 magnums – 13.5% vol.

NOTES & Awards

JAMES SUCKLING	90/100
ANTONIO GALLONI (VINOUS)	92/100
YVES BECK	91/100

Aromas of peony mingle with notes of liquorice and tobacco. After a few minutes, the aromas of violet and pink berries typical of Cabernet Franc appear. The attack is ample and fleshy. The aroma of small red fruits such as redcurrant reinforces the freshness. This wine combines power and finesse in a remarkable way. The balance between the saline tannin and the acidity are the hallmark of the magnificent clay-limestone terroir of La Croix Lartigue. To drink or to hold until 2028

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