

# CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE

SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU



Château Tour Saint Christophe is located in Saint-Christophe-des-Bardès at the frontiers of Saint-Émilion. The vineyard is a unique feature in Saint-Émilion, as it is partly planted on narrow terraces where the vineyard is tended in tight rows. This cascading landscape unfolds on the hillside of Cassevert overlooking the Saint Laurent valley.

Château Tour Saint Christophe was acquired by Peter Kwok and his daughter Karen in 2012.

The property overlooks beautiful centuries-old dry stone terraces on a clay-limestone terroir. In order to preserve its rich heritage, Peter undertook to restore the Château. The objective was to revive the vineyard terraces with the reconstruction of dry stone walls as it had been built in the 18th century. About 1.5 km of dry-stone terraces have been repaired by hand, a two-year process to preserve the appearance of these unique terraces in Saint-Émilion.

The vineyard, with vines of an average age of thirty years, is orientated South-Southwest and benefits from an ideal exposure to sun and perfect natural drainage conditions. It is this secret alchemy which contributes to the quality of our terroir.

Today the property consists of 20 hectares on the appellation of Saint Emilion Grand Cru

## CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE 2014 - FACTS

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| <b>SURFACE</b>         | 11 hectares   |
| <b>GRAPE VARIETIES</b> | 85% Merlot - 15 % Cabernet Franc  |
| <b>SOILS</b>           | Clay Limestone  |
| <b>VINIFICATION</b>    | After a meticulous selection process on the vines and in the winery, the sorted grapes are filled into concrete tanks or directly into Bordeaux barrels (about 25% of the harvest). This follows the method of Vinification Intégrale, particularly well-suited for Chateau Tour Saint Christophe. Our team is always present at the opening and closing of barrels by our cooper partners for better quality control.  |
|                        | In 2015, the cellars were renovated and redesigned to best serve the expression of our terroir. The aim of the renovation focused not only on preserving the best of our berries but also on facilitating our team's processes. The main winery is fitted with advanced, varietal sized, and thermal-regulated concrete vats. With these vats, our team can separate the different plots of the vineyard and facilitate the pigeage. Two additional cellars have been devised for vinification in barrel and for malolactic fermentation through climate-control systems. |
| <b>AGEING</b>          | 60% new barrels - 40% 1-wine barrels during 15 months   |
| <b>PRODUCTION</b>      | 30 000 bottles  |

## TASTING

Château Tour Saint Christophe 2014 has a color of beautiful intensity.

The mature nose immediately immerses us in a mixture of crushed red fruit such as strawberry, raspberry and currant. These notes mingle with more spicy, peppery, camphor and slightly licorice aromas.

Its mineral character is present throughout the tasting. In the mouth, the attack is fresh and well-balanced with tension that gives depth. The tannins are delicate and precise while still young. The finish is long and silky, expressing the ripe fruit and its chalky side, characteristic of the terroir.

Very elegant wine with great ageing potential.



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PRESSBOOK

## CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE 2014

### JAMES SUCKLING - 94

« Fantastic aromas of blackberries, flowers, chalk and blueberries. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Intense and structured. Give it two or three years to soften. » *James Suckling February 2017*

### THE WINE ADVOCATE ROBERTPARKER.COM - 93

« The 2014 Tour Saint-Christophe comes from Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes, the lieu-dit Cassevert, where proprietor Peter Kwok has built some quite startling terraces on the slope to improve the terroir (apparently recruited from Spain as only they possess the technical know-how). My, what a Saint Emilion this is. It has a very well-defined bouquet with crisp, pure mineral-rich red and black fruit. I like the focus here; there is an intention to perform at the top level that comes through where it matters—in the glass. The palate is silky smooth with a fine line of acidity, layers of red cherry and blueberry fruit, leading to a detailed and very satisfying, long finish. This 2014 serves notice of a new, bright kid on the block. » *Neal Martin March 2017*

### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 90 / 92

« This vintage is not only from a great terroir but talented team. From a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, this wine exhibits deep color. On the nose you will quickly find licorice, chocolate, espresso and black cherries, easing into a graceful, lavish, polished and easy-drinking wine. A soft, round finish of sweet boysenberries leaves a permanent impression. As we predicted last year, Tour Saint Christophe is a wine to watch. - *Jeff Leve April 2015*

### ANTONIO GALLONI - 91

« The 2014 Tour Saint-Christophe is powerful, deep and intense, just as it was from bottle. Readers should expect an opulent, voluptuous Saint-Émilion built on textural richness. Dark cherry, mocha, licorice and spice infuse the expressive finish. Tour Saint-Christophe continues to move in the right direction under the leadership of Peter Kwok. »

*Antonio Galloni February 2017*

### BETTANE & DESSEAUME - 91 / 92

« Puissant, intense, belle densité profonde. Volume sérieux, plutôt ferme dans le registre d'un millésime dont la souplesse n'est pas la caractéristique première. »

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