

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 2017 - FACTS

SURFACE	20 ha
GRAPE VARIETIES	80% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Franc
SOILS	Clay Limestone
HARVEST DATES	October 3rd to October 17th

VINIFICATION

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 Château 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.

AGEING 40% new barrels - 40% 1-wine barrels, 20% 2-wines during 15 months

PRODUCTION 45 000 bottles

TASTING 2017

Cassis and spices on the nose.

The juicy acidity drives the wine's structure. Refined, elegant with a beautiful texture.

The word minerality takes its full meaning here.

Some cocoa notes along with hints of currant



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PRESSBOOK

JAMES SUCKLING - 93

«A spicy, fresh and intense red on the nose with chocolate. Medium to full body and very fine tannins that give a creamy texture. Juicy and long. A blend of 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc. Want to drink it now, but better after 2022.» *James Suckling December 2019*

ROBERTPARKER.COM - 92+

« Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Tour Saint-Christophe charges out of the glass with bold notions of dried mulberries, fruitcake and baked plums plus hints of tobacco, iron ore and tilled soil. Full-bodied, the palate is undeniably rich and opulent, yet the freshness injects vibrance and a sense of decorum, supported by plush tannins, finishing on a compelling mineral note. The alcohol here is knocking on 15%, but you wouldn't know it.» *Lisa Perotti-Brown March 2020*

VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI - 93+

« The 2017 Tour Saint Christophe is a dense, richly constituted wine loaded with tremendous energy and pure power. It is also a bit shut down; so I would prefer to give it a few years in bottle to be at its best. Black fruit, chocolate, leather, licorice and spice build into the potent, virile finish. This is a wine with tremendous promise.» *Antonio Galloni February 2020*

VINOUS NEAL MARTIN - 92

« The 2017 Tour Saint Christophe has a well defined bouquet with black truffle tinged black fruit with hints of cassis surfacing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, very lithe in the mouth, not the most complex Tour Saint Christophe that I have tasted in recent years, but I appreciate the saline finish. Very fine. Very fine. » - *Neal Martin February 2020*

JEB DUNNUCK - 95

« From a picturesque vineyard on the east side of Saint-Emilion, not far from Chateau Barde-Haut the 2017 Chateau Tour Saint Christophe checks in as a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that was brought up in a mix of new and used barrels. This inky purple-hued beauty boasts stunning notes of blue fruits, crushed rocks, violets, and spring flowers. Medium to full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, and with remarkable purity as well as finesse in its tannins, this is another remarkable wine from this estate, which has been turning out brilliant wines in every vintage now. Don't miss it. Tasted twice. » *Jeb Dunnuck February 2020*

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 93

“Caliginous in color, the wine is full bodied, concentrated, intense, fortified and satisfying. There is good flesh, freshness and length. Limber with crispy red fruits, cocoa, espresso, licorice and a boundless finish, the wine is made from blending 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc” -*Jeff Leve April 2017*

