

# 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 2018 - FACTS

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| <b>SURFACE</b>         | 20 ha                            |
| <b>GRAPE VARIETIES</b> | 80% Merlot - 20 % Cabernet Franc |
| <b>SOILS</b>           | Clay Limestone                   |
| <b>HARVEST DATES</b>   | September 25th to October 15th   |

### 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 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.

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

**PRODUCTION** 70 000 bottles

## TASTING 2018

Scents of tar, black cherry, chocolate, spice and leather  
Juicy black fruit character with hints of ground pepper and chalk. Full-bodied, polished with fantastic texture and length.

Vibrant with ripe, rounded tannins, freshness and savory finishing

Approachable from an early age but cellaring it for a couple of years is necessary to let it bloom and appreciate it at its fullest potential.



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PRESSBOOK

**JAMES SUCKLING - 97**

«Currant, red-tea, chili, chocolate and lemon-zest aromas. Chalk and crushed gravel, too. It's medium-bodied with tight, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity. Sleek and tight with crunchy berry, mineral and zesty notes on the finish. Complex. Pretty center palate to this. Extremely polished. Try from 2025» *James Suckling March 2021*

**ROBERTPARKER.COM - 94**

« The 2018 Tour Saint Christophe weighs in at 14.6% alcohol. Deep garnet-purple in color, it comes barreling out of the glass with bold notions of baked black cherries, plum preserves and blueberry pie plus underlying suggestions of Christmas cake, Chinese five spice and dusty soil. The full-bodied palate packs in the black and blue fruit preserves layers, framed by velvety tannins and lively acidity, finishing long and spicy. » *Lisa Perotti-Brown April 2021*

**VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI - 95**

« The 2018 Tour Saint Christophe represents a new level of elegance, precision and finesse for this estate in Saint-Émilion's Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes district. Silky and exceptionally polished, the 2018 oozes class. Moreover, the heavy extraction and strong torrefaction notes that marked previous vintages of the recent past have been replaced by beautifully precise, vibrant fruit. Tour Saint Christophe is one of best values in Saint-Émilion. I haven't always loved Tour Saint Christoph, but I love the 2018. It's a fabulous effort from Technical Director Jérôme Aguirre and his team. Don't miss it. » *Antonio Galloni March 2021*

**VINOUS NEAL MARTIN - 94**

« The 2018 Tour Saint Christophe is a lovely Saint-Émilion. It has retained the floral aspect that I remarked on in barrel, iris and peony infusing the black fruit, but now displays a more conspicuous marine element. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, wonderful definition and perfectly judged acidity. Quite classic in style and reassuringly sophisticated, this is a wonderful Tour Saint Christophe that oozes class. » - *Neal Martin March 2021*

**JEB DUNNUCK - 95+**

« Emerging from a beautiful, terraced vineyard on the eastern side of Saint-Emilion, the 2018 Château Tour Saint Christophe is based on 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that was brought up in 40% new French oak. Its vivid purple color is followed by a great nose of blackcurrants, blueberries, tobacco leaf, chocolate, violets, and chocolate. Hitting the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, it has this wonderful sense of purity and elegance, a touch of chalky minerality, flawless balance, and a great finish. This beautiful, elegant, seamless Saint-Emilion needs 4-5 years of bottle age but will evolve for 20-25 years. You won't regret having this in the cellar.» *Jeb Dunnuck March 2021*

**THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 96**

“The color of dark ink with purple accents, the wine explodes from the glass with fresh brewed espresso, black cherry, licorice, smoke, menthol and chocolate. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, concentrated, rich, supple and vibrant. The fruit balances power with elegance, sweetness and purity. The finish is all about the non-stop layers of fruit. The wine is made from blending 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc. This is a contender for the finest vintage of Tour Saint Christophe and should age with ease for at least 20-25 years.” -*Jeff Leve March 2021*

**VERTDEVIN - 95-96**

“The nose is fine, powerful and offers intensity, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful racy power.” -*Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche April 2019*

