

# CHATEAU LE REY

CASTILLON CÔTES DE BORDEAUX



The continuous property of 12 hectares is situated on a clay-limestone terroir on the right bank of the Dordogne. It occupies a privileged position on the plateau of Sainte-Colombe, little town East of Saint-Emilion, full of history with the remains of a Roman villa and its mosaics, as well as a classified Romanesque church from the 12th century.

This very ancient property belonged to the Roque family since the Louis XIII period, shared many times and always reconstituted. The last descendant of this family Philippe Le Roy coming from a long ancestry of winemakers and barrel carpenters will be the one that will pass on the baton.

Château Le Rey was bought by a trio of friends in 2016; Peter Kwok (Hong Kong, Château Tour Saint Christophe, Château Haut-Brisson, Château La Patache, Enclos Tourmaline), Philippe Lambrecht (owner of the great Belgian wine import company, Wijnhandel de Brabandere, and owner of Bodega Mas Alta in Priorat) and Jean-Christophe Meyrou (Bordeaux, Director of Vignobles K).

The average age of the vines is 30 years and the conduct of the vineyard follows the philosophy of our other properties in order to meet the environmental balance.

Today two cuvées are produced at Château Le Rey, **Les Argileuses** and **Les Rocheuses**.

These two wines do not represent as usual in Bordeaux first and second label, but are made like in Burgundy with a terroir philosophy. Les Argileuses are produced from a green and blue clay terroir and Les Rocheuses from 100% limestone terroir.

## FACTS

<b>SURFACE</b>	12 hectares
<b>GRAPE VARIETIES</b>	80% Merlot - 20 % Cabernet Franc
<b>SOILS</b>	Clay-Limestone
<b>VINIFICATION</b>	Conical stainless steel tanks (small volume tanks in order to correspond best to parcel management)

## LES ROCHEUSES

<b>TERROIR</b>	Limestone
<b>PLOT</b>	# 5 & 6
<b>AGEING</b>	20% new barrels - 40% 1-wine barrels 40% 2-wine barrels - during 12 months
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	13 000 bottles



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## REVUE DE PRESSE

### JAMES SUCKLING - 92

«An attractive Bordeaux with currant, blackberry and black-tea undertones. Crushed stones as well. It's full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins. Lovely purity of fruit and intensity. Made partly in amphora. Drink or hold.»

*James Suckling March 2021*

### JEB DUNNUCK - 91

« The 2018 Château Le Rey Les Rocheuses is slightly denser and more concentrated, offering lots of ripe black fruits, chocolate, spicy oak, and herbs. Medium to full-bodied, nicely textured, and balance, it has plenty of tannins and is going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and keep for over a decade.» *Jeb Duncuk March 2021*

### MATTHEW JUKES - 17+

« The perfume here is more lifted, spicy and a little prettier than found in Les Argileuses and yet there is a more backward feel on the finish. It is fascinating to think that this is a Bordeaux, but that there is also so much terroir playing an active role in this wine and this is not something you see every day! » *Matthew Jukes March 2021*

### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 91

«Spicy kirsch, espresso, plums, cherries, licorice and English breakfast tea scents get you ready for what comes next. From there you enjoy loads of silky, elegant, refined, sweet, juicy red fruits and crushed rock sensations. Fresh, energetic and long, this is one of the top values you can find in Bordeaux today.» *-Jeff Leve March 2021*

### ROBERT PARKER - 90

«Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Les Rocheuses offers notes of baked blackberries, preserved plums and dried mulberries with touches of spice box, unsmoked cigars and potpourri. The full-bodied palate (15% alcohol) delivers rich, spicy black fruit preserves flavors with a racy backbone and chewy texture, finishing earthy.» *Lisa Perrotti-Brown April 2021*

### YVES BECK - 90

«Le bouquet des Rocheuses est invitant et subtil. Il révèle d'agréables notes de bois de réglisse ainsi que des nuances florales. Il me semble plus évolué que Les Argileuses mais également plus complexe. En bouche le vin est friand, bien tenu par sa structure et déjà accessible. Je pense qu'on pourra déjà le savourer dans sa jeunesse, sur la fraîcheur. 2021-2028» *Yves Beck November 2020*

### VERT DE VIN - 90-91

«Le nez est minéral, racé et offre de la puissance/intensité. On y retrouve des notes de mûre fraîche et de fruits rouges frais/croquant associées à des touches de minéralité racée, de fleurs (iris, violette) ainsi qu'à de fines pointes de réglisse et à une imperceptible pointe de chocolat (en fond). La bouche est fruitée, juteuse, équilibrée, joliment racée, précise, droite et offre une jolie définition, une trame juteuse, une jolie minéralité, une bonne fraîcheur ainsi que de la tension. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de mûre juteuse, de framboise acidulée et plus légèrement de cassis juteux associées à une touche de fraise, de fleurs ainsi qu'à de très discrètes pointes de bâton de réglisse. Un vin gourmand, sur le fruit et bien mené.» *Jonathan Chicheportiche Avril 2019*

