

# 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 2019 - FACTS

<b>SURFACE</b>	20 ha
<b>GRAPE VARIETIES</b>	80% Merlot - 20 % Cabernet Franc
<b>SOILS</b>	Clay Limestone
<b>HARVEST DATES</b>	September 27th 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.

<b>AGEING</b>	40% new barrels - 40% 1-wine barrels, 20% 2-wines during 15 months
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<b>PRODUCTION</b>	85 000 bottles
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### TASTING

The nose expresses flowers, licorice, incense, herbs and dark red berries.

The wine is silky, fresh, ripe, full-bodied and concentrated. Minerally and salty with finesse, grained tannins with length, strength but no heaviness.

The acidity keeps everything in prima order



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### PRESSBOOK

#### JAMES SUCKLING - 96

«Beautiful, intense fruit, dark-earth and chocolate character on the nose. Full-bodied with great density and plush, fine tannins that give a fine-velvet texture. It's extremely long, polished and sophisticated. Needs time to come together, but expressive and glorious. Fantastic relative value. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc. Drink after 2025. » *James Suckling February 2022*

#### ROBERTPARKER.COM - 93

«From clay-rich soils opposite Troplong Mondot in the commune Saint Christophe des Bardes, the 2019 Tour Saint Christophe offers up demonstrative aromas of cherries, wild berries, sweet loamy soil, licorice and dark chocolate. Full-bodied, rich and fleshy, with an enveloping core of fruit, lively acids and ripe, powdery tannins, it's a strong effort in a crowd-pleasing style. » *William Kelley April 2022*

#### VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI - 94

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#### VINOUS NEAL MARTIN - 95

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#### JEB DUNNUCK - 94

«This estate has been delivering the goods for numerous vintages now, and the 2019 Château Tour Saint Christophe is another terrific wine. Ripe black cherries, black raspberries, graphite, new leather, and chalky minerality all define the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a tight, straight, focused texture, ripe yet present tannins, and outstanding length. It doesn't have the mid-palate density or opulence of the 2018, but it's more pretty, focused, and straight on the palate. Give bottles 4-5 years and enjoy over the following two decades. » *Jeb Dunnuck November 2022*

#### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 95

«Inky dark in color, the wine exudes crushed rocks, stones, flowers, smoke, espresso, dark chocolate, pepper and smoke in the perfume. Full-bodied, rich, lush and deep, with layers of black and red fruits, freshness and length, the finish delivers dark red berries with a dash of spice, black licorice and espresso bean. This is going to age and evolve for at least 2 decades or more. The wine blends 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc. Drink from » *Jeff Leve March 2022*

#### VERTDEVIN - 95

«The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful power, finesse and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, small wild black fruits, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of liquorice, pink pepper as well as small hints of tobacco, nutmeg and spices. The palate is elegant, racy, power and offers a fine acidulous frame, a fine grain and a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy/fresh blackberry, cassis, small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of ripe raspberry as well as touches of violet plum, liquorice stick and tonka bean. Good length. Tannins are elegant, finely chewy and precise.» - *Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche April 2019*

