

# CHÂTEAU 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

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| <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) |

## CHÂTEAU LE REY LES ROCHEUSES 2020

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

Small wild black fruits, some hints of blueberry, strawberry along peppery and camphorated notes.

This fresh wine has a stony personality with ardor and delivers a lovely mouthfeel in harmony with its structure. Crumbly with delicious notes of red berries and sea salt.



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PRESSBOOK

## JAMES SUCKLING - 92

«So much blackberry and chalkiness give it a crushed stone and oyster shell character. Full-bodied, chewy and spicy. White pepper to the fruit and bright acidity. Drink or hold.» *James Suckling January 2023*

## DECANTER - 93

« Bright, blueberry fruit and well-sculpted tannins to ensure vertical lift of the fruit through the glass. I love what the Vignobles K team have been doing with this wine, at a gorgeous spot in Castillon.» *Jane Anson May 2021*

## JEB DUNNUCK - 90-92

« The 2020 Château Le Rey Les Rocheuses is another terrific example of this cuvée. Playing in the medium to full-bodied end of the spectrum, it has bright acidity, wonderful purity of fruit, and lots of cassis, violets, and peppery herb-like nuances. It should easily be an outstanding wine.» *Jeb Dunnuck June 2021*

## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 91-93

“Sporting a rich, deep color, the wine pops with black cherries, stones, spice and licorice. Round, lush, ripe and packed with layers of black cherries that express their essence with little effort. And all that sweet ripe fruit really lingers in the finish. This will be fabulous on release!» *-Jeff Leve May 2021*

## ROBERT PARKER - 90-92

«Deep purple-black colored, the 2020 Les Rocheuses rolls out of the glass with notes of plum preserves, blueberry compote and chocolate-covered cherries, leading to an undercurrent of eucalyptus, ground cloves and tar. The medium to full-bodied palate coats the mouth with ripe, rich black fruits, supported by soft tannins and bold freshness, finishing long with a minty lift.» *Lisa Perrotti-Brown June 2021*

## VERT DE VIN - 92

«The nose is fruity and offers a nice freshness, concentration as well as a fine grain, power, a nice freshness, and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of bright cassis, griots, small notes of fresh blackberry associated with small fresh wild fruits as well as fine hints of cornflower, fresh blond tabaco and a discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is nicely built, fresh and offers gourmandize, fat, fleshiness, roundness, suavity as well as a certain tension, a fine grain, a nice sapidity and a fine airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy blackberry, bright cassis, small notes of bright cherry associated with touches of bright/fresh raspberry, cherry flower as well as fine hints of violet, racy minerality, a discreet hint of aromatic herbs, chocolate and a subtle hint of tonka bean. Good length. The tannins are precis and mellow.» *Jonathan Chicheportiche May 2021*

