

CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE

SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU



Château Tour Saint Christophe is located in Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes at the frontiers of Saint-Émilion. The vineyard is a unique feature in Saint-Emilion, 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-Emilion.

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.

TASTING

From the very beginning of the tasting of this very fine vintage, we find the identity of Château Tour Saint Christophe. Elegant aromas of blackberry and blueberry are combined with delicate floral notes and small chalky touches.

The powerful structure is carried by a beautiful acidity which brings a fresh and sappy side. Aromas of stewed fruit and black pepper complete the palate, which extends to saline notes.

CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE 2020 - FACTS

SURFACE	20 ha
GRAPE VARIETIES	80% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Franc
SOILS	Clay Limestone
HARVEST DATES	September 14th to 28th
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. For greater autonomy, our team has been trained on the opening and closing of the barrels by our cooper partners. The main winery is fitted with advanced, varietal sized, and thermal-regulated concrete vats. 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	85 000 bottles
ALCOHOL DEGREE	15 %



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PRESSBOOK

JAMES SUCKLING 96

«So much black fruit, black walnuts, blueberries, wet earth, black truffles and some graphite. Medium to full body with lots of tension and focus. It runs very long with a salty undertone and some bitter, burnt lemon. Yet ever so subtle and refined. Drink after 2027.» *James Suckling February 2023*

VINOUS NEAL MARTIN 91-93

«The 2020 Tour Saint Christophe unfolded to reveal a mélange of red and black fruit and hints of wild mint and boysenberry, all nicely focused, with floral top notes. The medium-bodied palate features sappy black fruit intermingling with orange peel and subtle marmalade notes. There is a core of sweet plummy fruit toward the finish, and a hint of brown sugar lingers on the after-taste. This is a fine Saint-Émilion, but one where I hope to see a little more terroir expression on once in bottle.» - *Neal Martin May 2021*

VERTDEVIN 94-95

«La bouche est fruitée, équilibrée et offre de la jutosité, de la fraîcheur, de la puissance aérienne, un très joli côté multi-couches de la densité ainsi qu'une certaine intensité. Une belle fraîcheur et concentration tout en équilibre. Puissance en finesse et équilibre. Ce vin exprime des notes de cassis éclatant, de petites baies noires pulpeuses et plus légèrement de framboise associées à des touches de groseilles, à des pointes de prune violette acidulée, de tabac frais, de badiane, de cardamome ainsi qu'à de fines pointes de poivre de Cuben et à une imperceptible pointe presque torréfaction et d'herbes aromatiques. Les tanins sont massifs, élégants, puissants mais moelleux.» - *Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche May 2021*

ROBERTPARKER.COM 93-95

«Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2020 Tour Saint Christophe stampedes out of the glass with powerful scents of baked blackberries, stewed black plums and boysenberries, followed by suggestions of cedar chest, mocha, tar and fertile loam, with lifted wafts of licorice and cardamom. The full-bodied palate is rich and densely packed with juicy black fruits, supported by velvety tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing long and opulent.» *Lisa Perotti-Brown May 2021*

JEB DUNNUCK 93-96

«A wine I continue to buy in every vintage, the 2020 Château Tour Saint-Christophe looks to be another no-brainer for the Saint-Émilion lovers out there. Coming from a gorgeous, terraced vineyard on the eastern side of the appellation, it has a perfumed, elegant, pure style in its darker cherry and cassis fruits as well as classic cedarwood, earth, and forest floor aromatics. Medium to full-bodied, balanced, and just beautiful on the palate, with terrifically integrated acidity and tannins, it's going to round into form nicely with just short-term bottle age and have two decades of prime drinking.» *Jeb Dunnuck May 2021*

WEINWISSER 18/20

«Extrem dunkles Purpur mit opaker Mitte und zartem lila Rand. Opulentes Bouquet mit einer vollen Ladung schwarzer Johannisbeeren, frischem Schattenmorellensaft und betörendem Veilchenduft, dahinter Lakritze, Nougatpralinen und Heidelbeergelee. Am vielschichtigen Gaumen mit cremiger Textur, reifem Tanningerrüst, herrlicher Extraktfülle, stützender Rasse und durchtrainiertem Körper. Im aromatischen langanhaltenden Finale blaue und schwarze Beeren, heller Tabak und zarte Adstringenz. Reiht sich nahtlos in die beiden letzten Jahrgänge mit ein.» - *Tjark Witzgall May 2021*

VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI 93-95

«Tour Saint Christophe just keeps getting better with each passing vintage. The 2020 is marked by vibrant red/purplish fruit, beams of minerality, sweet floral notes and a touch of savory intensity on the close. What impresses me most about the 2020 is the purity of flavors. The creamy, resonant finish is a thing of beauty.» *Antonio Galloni June 2021*

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER 95-97

«The nose pops with perfectly ripe dark red and black fruits, licorice, smoke, cherry blossoms, crushed rocks and stones. The wine has depth, sensuality, luscious textures and layers of ripe, opulent fruits. The finish lingers with layers of black and red fruits with dark chocolate that feel as good as they taste. This could be the finest vintage of Tour Saint Christophe ever produced, and that is really saying something.» *Jeff Leve May 2021*

YVES BECK 94

«Dense et crémeux en bouche, le vin confirme les ambitions présentées durant les primeurs. Il a de la puissance et du tempérament grâce à une acidité structurante qui plébiscite l'expression aromatique et la fraîcheur en finale. Un vin qui est encore en train de se mettre en place, mais qui est d'ores et déjà convaincant.» *Yves Beck Novembre 2022*