

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-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.

TASTING

The nose has a wide range of aromas, from floral notes to fruity notes (small black berries, ripe cherries) and hints of graphite. The palate is dense and rich, with power underpinned by a tannic structure that is solid, precise and taut. The long finish lingers on a sensation of saline freshness.

CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE 2021 - FACTS

SURFACE	20 ha
GRAPE VARIETIES	80% Merlot - 20 % Cabernet Franc
SOILS	Clay Limestone
HARVEST DATES	September 18th to October 15
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 Château 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	75 000 bottles
ALCOHOL DEGREE	13.5 %



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JAMES SUCKLING

93

Black cherries, mussels, mineral, chili chocolate and dark olives. Bright and racy on the palate with medium weight in the center palate. The fresh, fine-grained tannins add a sense of heft before a linear, lengthy finish. Drink or hold.

James Suckling January 2024

ROBERT PARKER

90-92

The 2021 Tour Saint Christophe has turned out very well, delivering aromas of cherries and sweet berries mingled with hints of loamy soil and sweet new oak. Medium to full-bodied, pure and lively, it's elegantly muscular, with powdery tannins and a penetrating finish.

William Kelley February 2024

VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI

93

The 2021 Tour Saint Christophe turned out beautifully. Dark, supple and engaging, the 2021 offers up copious dark fruit, leather, licorice, chocolate, spice and tobacco. This ample, heady Saint-Émilion delivers the goods. In this vintage, Tour Saint Christophe is not quite as opulent as it can be, but that is not a bad thing at all. It was aged 20% in foudres. Tasted two times.

Antonio Galloni December 2023

JANE ANSON

92

Grilled cedar and sweet sandalwood, sappy raspberry and redcurrant fruit, this is enjoyable and a clear success in the vintage, with texture and life to the tannins. Fresh acidities here translated to mandarin peel and lemongrass.

Emmanuelle Fulchi D'Aligny arrived from Château Angéhus as technical director in March 2022, with Jean Christophe Meyrou director. Single point upgrade.

Jane Anson November 2023

JEB DUNNUCK

92

Always a gem of a wine, the 2021 Château Tour Saint Christophe is no exception and has tons of charm and character. Ripe red and black fruits, tobacco, chalky minerality, and nicely integrated oak all define the aromatics, and it's medium-bodied, with a focused, elegant mouthfeel and ripe tannins. Mostly Merlot (20% Cabernet Franc) brought up in 40% new oak, it plays in the fresher, more focused style of the vintage yet brings good ripeness as well as concentration. Give bottles 2-3 years and enjoy over the following 15.

Jeb Dunnuck March 2024

VERTDEVIN

95

Le nez est fruité et offre de la puissance en finesse, de l'intensité en maîtrise, un fin côté aérien dans l'approche ainsi qu'une jolie finesse du grain. [...]. La bouche est fruitée, racée, équilibrée et offre une jolie jutosité, de la gourmandise, de la finesse dans son côté sphérique, de la tension, de la minutie, beaucoup d'élégance, une certaine richesse / concentration en finesse ainsi qu'un fin côté aérien dans l'approche de sa richesse. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de cerise pulpeuse/juteuse, de cerise griotte, de groseilles écrasées et plus légèrement de myrtille fraîche/éclatante [...]. Bonne longueur. Tannins fins, racés et moelleux. De la sapidité/salinité sur la fin de bouche/persistance.

Choukroun Chicheportiche Jonathan March 2022

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

93

Flowers, cherries, chocolate, black raspberries, plums, blueberries and a background note of citrus open the perfume. On the palate, the wine is soft, polished, sweet and creamy with layers of cherries, and chocolate-coated, salty plums. Drink from 2024-2039.

Jeff Leve March 2024

DECANTER

93

Fragrant and perfumed blackcurrants and black cherries on the nose. Bright and focussed, an instant buzz of fresh acidities and zingy fruit open the palate before the salty undercurrent shows through ending on notes of flint and graphite. Relatively lean and light, but direct with real polish to the tannins and fruit presentation. Certainly not plush, but this carries a nice proportion of density with finesse and the acidity is well balanced to the minerality and structure. Feels effortless and very enjoyable with a really salty, flinty, aniseed finish.

Georgina Hindle December 2023

YVES BECK

93

Tour Saint Christophe 2021 brille tant de sa complexité olfactive que de sa fraîcheur gustative. Le bouquet révèle moult nuances avec des parfums de pivoines, de cerises et de baies noires complétées par une touche de garrigue et des notes crayeuses. Frais et juteux, le vin dispose de tannins charnus tandis que la structure acide assure tension et sapidité. Le côté crayeux réapparaît en finale. Cette dernière, légèrement saline, s'en retrouve salivante. Un vin frais et précis. 2026-2038

Yves Beck November 20243