

# CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE

## SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



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 Cas-severt 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

Minerality and tension define Tour Saint Christophe 2022, with aromas of blackberries, liquorice, iodine and crushed stone. A fleshy texture with incredible freshness, wrapping precise tannins. A long and saline finish.

## CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE 2022 - FACTS

<b>SURFACE</b>	23 ha
<b>GRAPE VARIETIES</b>	80% Merlot - 20 % Cabernet Franc
<b>SOILS</b>	Clay Limestone
<b>HARVEST DATES</b>	September 10th to October 3rd

### 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** 25% new barrels, 60% one wine and two wines barrels, 15% round wooden vats during 18 months

**PRODUCTION** 88 000 bottles

**ALCOHOL DEGREE** 15 %



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### JAMES SUCKLING 96

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A very good year for Tour Saint Christophe, showing great depth and flavor despite high alcohol. Abundant dark minerals, fresh blackberries, black olives and a hint of cocoa powder. Pretty full-bodied and firm with crunchy, reactive tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Lots of density here. Drink from 2027.

*James Suckling - January 2025*

### JANE ANSON 93

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Always a reliable, consistent name, classified in 2022, a good quality wine with plenty of enjoyable brambled berry fruits. High alcohol as so many of these later ripening clay-limestone terroirs in the vintage, but it holds it well. Harvest September 10 to October 1, 25% new oak. Located in the commune of St Christophe des Bardes. hence the name.

*Jane Anson - January 2025*

### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER 96

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Deep, rich, intense, long, and hedonistic, this thrill ride includes layers of perfectly ripe, mineral-tinted, red, black, and blue fruits. There is length, purity, volume, and expansiveness, as well as balance, freshness, and complexity here. The finish lingers with more of those beautiful fruits. The wine blends 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc. Drink from 2026-2048.

*Jeff Leve - February 2025*

### ROBERT PARKER 93+

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This first vintage under the denomination of Grand Cru Classé, the 2022 Tour Saint Christophe is excellent, offering up aromas of spices, cassis, dark wild berries, orange peel and licorice mingled with delicate oaky notes. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and concentrated, it's layered and textured and framed by powdery, velvety tannins enhanced by a racy, pure, fresh finish. It should gain raciness with some time in the cellar.

*Yohan Castaing - March 2025*

### JEB DUNNUCK 96

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Spice-laden red and black fruits, leafy tobacco, savory flowers, and new leather notes all shine in the 2022 Château Tour Saint Christophe, another brilliant wine from this team. I love its complexity, and it's medium to full-bodied on the palate, with fine tannins, a layered, elegant mouthfeel, beautifully integrated oak, and a great finish. Based on 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc brought up in 25% new French oak, give bottles 3-5 years if you can and enjoy over the following 15+.

*Jeb Dunnuck - February 2025*

### DECANTER 94

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Concentrated dark fruit and liquorice notes on the nose - smells ripe and expressive. Lovely purity of fruit, really clean and precise in terms of flavour and texture - tannins are sleek and really drive the wine from start to finish. Feels well proportioned, not too light or too heavy but with sinewy muscle and an undertone of cool blue fruit, crushed stones and hints of espresso. The 15% alcohol is barely noticeable and this is very charming in a rich, almost plush, heady way.

*Georgina Hindle - January 2025*

### VINOUS 94

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The 2022 Tour Saint Christophe is every bit as impressive as it was from barrel. Rich, ample and quite potent, the 2022 is wonderfully deep and fleshy right out of the gate. A blast of dark red cherry, spice, menthol and blood orange builds as the Tour Saint Christophe gains volume and stature with time in the glass.

*Antonio Galloni - January 2025*

### VERTDEVIN 95

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Le nez est fruité, épicé et offre une certaine puissance racée, de l'élégance, un côté étiré ainsi qu'une certaine droiture. On y retrouve des notes de mûre sauvage, de badiane et plus légèrement de poivre associées à des touches de bleuet, de fraise écrasée ainsi qu'à une pointe d'infusion. La bouche est fruitée et offre de la jutosité, une trame acidulée, de la tension, de la justesse. Elle exprime les notes de cerise bigarreau juteuse/pulpeuse, de prune violette éclatante/juteuse et plus légèrement de framboise écrasée associées à des touches de lys, de fève tonka, de toasté et une discrète pointe chocolatée. Les tannins sont moelleux et sapides [...].

*Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche - Dec 2024*

### YVES BECK 96

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Le 2022 commence par afficher de la générosité, du charme, une forme d'exubérance olfactive, heureusement quelque peu tempérée par la fraîcheur du terroir argilo-calcaire. Étonnamment, ce dernier point prend le dessus au fil des minutes pour finalement former la nature du bouquet. Dans ce sens, l'attaque souligne également la fraîcheur et le tempérament que l'on n'est pas forcément susceptible de percevoir en amont. Le vin est ciselé, salin, salivant et même désaltérant. Ses tannins sont encore quelque peu anguleux, mais pas durs. Ils demandent juste à s'épanouir, ce dont ils auront le temps au cours des années à venir. L'austérité, subtile et mesurée, est une source énergétique précieuse [...].

*Yves Beck - December 2024*