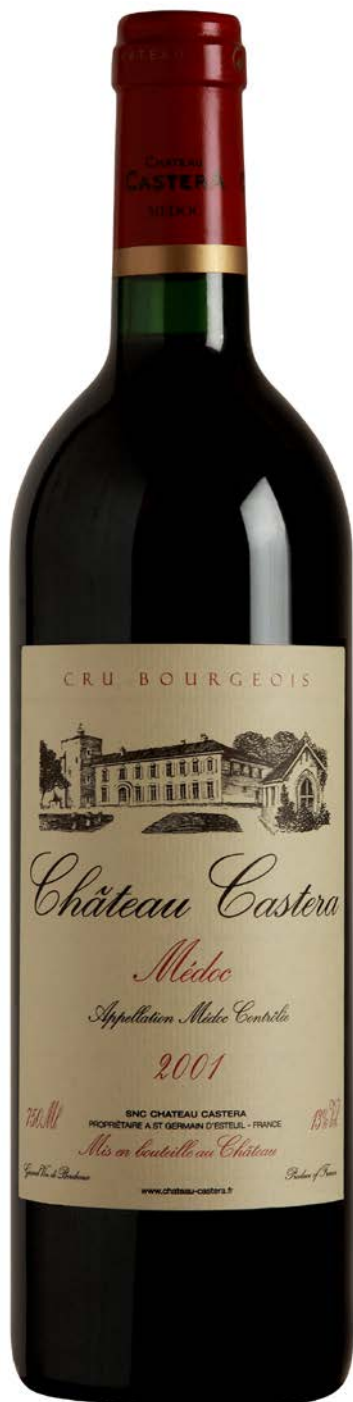


# Château Castera

Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

2001



## CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN THIS VINTAGE

The vines may have been spared, but the terrible storm which rocked the The year 2001 began with a winter which was fairly mild but very wet. Between October and March rainfall totals were double the average seen over the previous twenty years. There was a short snap of cold weather and frosts in late April. May and June saw temperatures above the seasonal averages, with a rapid and uniform blossoming of the vines in the last week of May. A fine summer saw the grapes reach maturity in excellent health, albeit with a certain degree of variation between different plots on the estate.

## NOTES ON THE WINEMAKING PROCESS

The excellent health of the vines this year allowed us to harvest grapes which were sure to produce an excellent tannic structure, and above all a good deal of freshness.

## HARVEST DATES

October 1st – October 12th

## TASTING NOTES

Château Castera 2001 has a consistent scarlet/purple robe. The nose is fairly dense, dominated by ripe fruit with some animal notes and a hint of blackcurrant leaf. The attack is full and well-balanced, growing nicely with a discrete touch of woodiness. A lively fruitiness is complemented nicely by some toasted aromas. The finish is long, carried along by a tannic framework which is light but enjoyably dense.

## Le Figaro

“ Consistent scarlet-purple colour with flashes of violet. A fairly dense bouquet of fresh and ripe fruits: blackcurrant, raspberry jam and blueberries backed by a discreet, refined touch of woodiness and a gentle, delicate vegetal accent which detracts nothing from the overall finesse. A full, well-balanced attack which blossoms into an expansive flavour dominated by consistent fruit, nicely complemented by the toasted aromas infused by the wood. A long, fairly dense finish, supported by a dense yet fine tannic structure. ”



AREA UNDER VINES: 63 Ha

GRAPE VARIETIES:

65 % Merlot

25 % Cabernet Sauvignon

5 % Cabernet Franc

5 % Petit Verdot

SOIL:

60 % clay-limestone

40 % Pyrenean gravel

DENSITY: 7500 vines/Ha

SECOND WINE: Marquis de Castera

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