

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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