

Château Castera

Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

2012



CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN THIS VINTAGE

December was mild and rainy whereas the beginning of the New Year 2012 was dry and cold. February was particularly cold with an average temperature of 5°C below the normal. In the middle and in the end of March, there were fresh episodes but still without rain. Few weeks later, the spring becomes rainy which slow down the vine growth, the first flowers appeared later in May. However, August was dry and warm, the vine catch up on their late start to the season. The weather conditions go on during all September which are favourable to the ripening of the grapes. This year finished by a rainy autumn which conducted to a quick harvest. Despite all that, the harvest went well, the 2012 vintage had a limited production but of good quality.

NOTES ON THE WINEMAKING PROCESS

Merlots planted on the clay limestone soil were successful. They are coloured, fruity, concentrated and suave. Their roles have been determinant as for the cabernet franc. Cabernet sauvignon grapes were a bit late concerning their ripening. However, those planted on the Ordonnac terroir, had good quality despite the summer drought. Finally, Petit verdot grapes gave good results.

HARVEST DATES

October 8th – October 8th

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful garnet-red colour with cherry tint. Brilliant and limpid. Nose is neat with a good intensity. Very fresh, red fruits, spices and fresh almond. A nice touch of undergrowth. The attack is supple evolving towards a pleasant tannic structure. It is a hearty, round wine. The final is long with cherry and mint aromas. It is a very pleasant wine dominated by fruit and freshness.

Gilbert & Gaillard - 89/100

Decanter World Wine Awards 2015 - Bronze Medal

Concours des Vins de Bordeaux 2015 - Gold Medal

Bettane + Desseauve 2015 - Pleasure price laureate



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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