

Château Castera

Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

2014



CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN THIS VINTAGE

The event that marked minds in Castéra on the night of 8 and 9 June 2014 was a hail storm that destroyed a third of our vineyards. The plots that escaped this cataclysm provided blossoms during the last days of May. Development was delayed by seasonally cool weather in July and August, with some rainfall. The exceptionally hot, dry and sunny month of September made up for the late start to 2014. A summery hot, bright and almost rain-free month of October provided the finishing touches. As a result, the mixed weather conditions present until the end of August will not allow 2014 to be one of the greatest red Bordeaux vintages, but it can still be classed as a high-quality vintage. September and October saved the vintage more than we could ever have hoped thanks to very beautiful Cabernets.

NOTES ON THE WINEMAKING PROCESS

Despite a mediocre month of August, a hot, dry and bright September in 2014 provided one of the factors that contributes to a great red vintage: a full ripening of the different varieties of grape. In addition, summer extended further into autumn with an exceptional month of October, enabling the cabernets to fully ripen. The merlots resisted well thanks to the clay-limestone soils providing them with water during the dry pre-harvesting period.

HARVEST DATES

September 29th – October 17th

TASTING NOTES

Strong garnet colour, red disk. Smoky and toasty notes dominate the nose evolving towards small red fruit, especially kirsch cherries. A sound body structured by well-balanced, full and very fleshy tannins. Aromas of cherry and small bramble fruit. The finish provides a lovely freshness that gives an airy quality to the wine.



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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