



Château Castera

Médoc | Cru Bourgeois | 2010

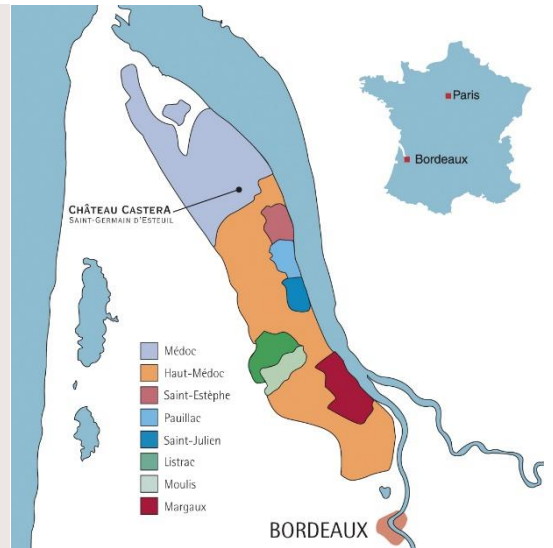
Grape varieties:

65 % Merlot
25% Cabernet Sauvignon
5 % Cabernet Franc
5 % Petit Verdot

Soil:

Clay-limestone
Pyrenean gravel

Density: 7500 vines/Ha



CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN THIS VINTAGE

Marked by three cold snaps, one in mid-December, one in early January and one in mid-February, the winter of 2010 was as grey, long and harsh as in 2009. Between March and May temperatures never rose above the seasonal average, leading to a slight delay in the budburst. The return of fine weather in June encouraged a fairly rapid flowering process followed by satisfactory berry-set. July was hot. The colour-change started around the 10th of August and the ripening process was ideal for all the grape varieties thanks to the exceptionally dry months of August and September. 2010 was actually the driest year of the decade, with the rainfall average barely rising above 50 mm. The ideal harvesting conditions from start to finish allowed us to pick each grape in each plot at optimum ripeness. The dry, sunny weather and cool nights favoured phenolic maturity. We had to wait for exactly the right time to bridge the gap between grape ripeness and skin ripeness. The 2010 is one of the biggest successes of Château Castera. Its deep colour, complex aromas and intense fruit all make it one of the estate's spearhead vintages.

HARVEST DATES

30 September - 18 October

TASTING NOTES

With its beautiful deep crimson colour, this wine releases aromas of cassis and violets along with scents of toast and vanilla. On the palate the attack is fleshy and supple, giving way to a dense, well-structured middle palate. The elegant, long-lasting finish is enhanced by beautifully mellow mature notes. Thanks to the power and complexity of this wine it has great ageing potential, while its finesse will allow you to open it now if you wish.



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