

Château Castera

AOC Médoc | Cru Bourgeois | 2017

Grape Varieties: 65 % Merlot | 25 % Cabernet Sauvignon
5 % Cabernet Franc | 5 % Petit Verdot

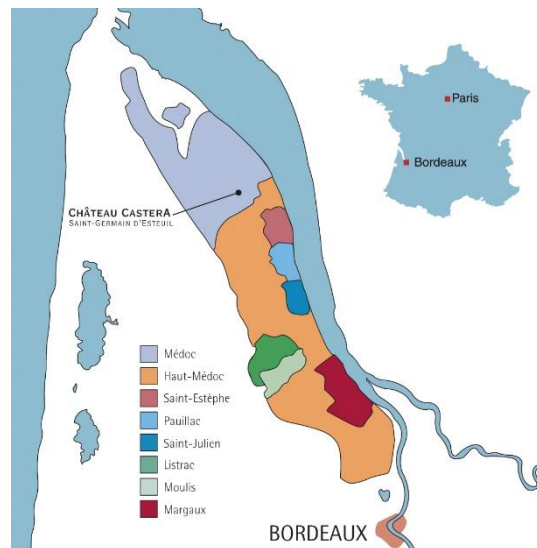
Terroir: Clay-limestone | Pyrenean gravel

Label: HEV 3

Fermentation: Vatting (18 to 22 days) | temperature-controlled

Ageing: 100% French oak barrels | 40% new oak | 12 months

Oenologist: Eric Boissenot



CLIMATE CONDITIONS OF THE VINTAGE

The mild weather in February and March led to early vegetative growth. Low rainfall and significant sunshine in early spring were conducive to quick vine growth. April will long be remembered for two successive episodes of frost, which destroyed 30-50% of the 2017 crop in the Bordeaux wine region. As is often the case, the damage was not only significant but varied considerably. May was characterised by abundant sunshine with flowering spread over ten days in extremely favourable conditions. Fruit set was also quick and even. The weather was definitely summerlike in June with very high average temperatures. In contrast, July was less sunny than a usual month of September. Far from exceptional, the weather in August was in line with the monthly average thanks to a very hot start and end to the month. Rainfall in early September, which accelerated the harvest, was a cause of concern for winegrowers. The condition of the grapes was nevertheless very good overall with marked aromatic freshness yet only moderate polyphenol potential. The 2017 vintage is delicious and very attractive.

HARVEST DATES

19 September – 04 October

TASTING NOTES

Deep-purple colour with good intensity. The nose displays fruity and oaky aromas complemented by forest floor nuances. Black fruit aromas (prunes and cherries) then come to the fore, alongside elegant hints of oak accompanied by sweet spices. Starts out straightforward on the palate, with vanilla flavours underpinned by silky tannins. Black fruit notes and firmer tannins, which are likely to soften in years to come, follow through on the finish.



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