

Lying on the Great Médoc Châteaux Route in the Bordeaux region, Château du Cartillon can be found near the village of Lamarque. Built at the very heart of the Haut-Médoc Appellation, the 55-hectare estate is next to some prestigious representatives of the appellation. Château du Cartillon is no exception and enjoys a coveted terroir that provides ideal conditions for cultivating vines, conducive to the birth of great wines. The oldest vines are grown in green cover, the youngest in ploughed rows. These vines are sustainably cultivated, which means limiting human intervention to the strictly necessary. The specificity of the vineyard at Château du Cartillon is the high proportion of Petit Verdot which adds rich tannins and powerful aromatics which perfectly complement the Merlot and Cabernet-Sauvignon grapes.



CHÂTEAU DU CARTILLON HAUT-MÉDOC AOP

THE ESTATE

OWNER

Helfrich Family

TECHNICAL MANAGER

Vincent Cachau

EXPLOITATION MANAGER

Benoit De Malleray

THE VINEYARD

SURFACE AREA

55 Ha

PRODUCTION SURFACE AREA

52 Ha

GRAPE VARIETIES

52% Cabernet-Sauvignon

27% Merlot

21% Petit Verdot

AVERAGE DENSITY

6666 vines/Ha

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES

15 years

SOIL

Sandy-gravelly and clay-sandy.
Subsoil of gravel sand with large pebbles.

CULTIVATION

Château du Cartillon is certified **HVE3** (High Environmental Value Level 3) since the 2018 vintage.

VINIFICATION, AGEING & BLEND

VINIFICATION

Plot selection. Fermentation: 21 days with 2 days of cold pre-fermentation maceration to favour the extraction of primary aromas. Malolactic fermentation in vats.

AGEING

12 months in oak barrels, 50% new – 50% one year

BLEND

52% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 21% Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION

HARVEST

Sorted mechanical, from 15/09/2022 to 14/10/2022

Yield: 45 hl/Ha

Production: 100 000 bt

CLIMATE CONDITIONS

The 2022 growing year began with a relatively mild winter. Then, drought and mild temperatures set the tone for this exceptional vintage in many ways, resulting in a median bud break. The spring frosts were well controlled: occurring early in the cycle, the secondary buds were able to develop rapidly. The mildness of the spring combined with some welcome wet periods moved the vintage from median to early. The flowering, favored by good conditions, was rapid. Then, heat waves followed one another, with effects partly attenuated by some saving rains at the end of June (which were unfortunately accompanied by a particularly violent episode of hail) and mid-August. The veraison, slowed down in some places, lasted until the first decade of August. But this was without counting on the capacity of the vines to adapt, which drew on their water reserves, limiting the hydric stress. The various vineyard jobs and the involvement of the teams allowed to deal with this unusual year. At Château du Cartillon, Merlots grapes are aromatic, supple and well-balanced.

TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL 14,5% vol TOTAL ACIDITY 3,5g/L

PH 3,8 IPT 100

ANTHOCYANINS 600mg

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