

CHÂTEAU CARIGNAN

CADILLAC CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

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Story

Château Carignan is located in the town of Carignan de Bordeaux, 10km to the east of Bordeaux.

This castle was built in 1452 by Jean Poton de Xaintrailles, comrade in arms of Joan of Arc and winner of the Castillon battle that ended the Hundred Years' War.

The estate covers 150 hectares, of which 65 are planted with vines. They lie on south-facing clay and limestone hillsides covered with stony gravel.

A herd of cows ensures a supply of organic fertiliser.

Grape varieties

70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

Average age of the vines : 30 to 35 years

Terroir

Clay and limestone soils covered with stony gravel.

Temperate oceanic climate, combined with the proximity of the Garonne River, provides a favorable balance for the cultivation of the vines.

Yields : 45 hl/ha

Winemaking

Fermentation in temperature controlled concrete tanks with micro-oxygenation. Plungings and rack and return (depending on the vintage)

Aging for 12 months in oak barrels (1 and 2yo French oak and 10% American oak) Blend after aging.

Tasting notes

Color : Deep dark red

Nose : Complex with a wide range of aromas.

Palate : Long and fleshy with a tannic structure, concentrated flavors of black fruit, cassis, blackberries, cocoa and spices. Very balanced mouthfeel.

Serve between 60 and 65°F. Will keep 5 to 10 years.

Pairing suggestions

Ideal with hot starters, red meat, stews and cheese platters.



Press ratings

91 pts James Suckling – 2015 vintage

90 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2014 vintage