

CHÂTEAU CARIGNAN

CADILLAC CÔTES DE BORDEAUX – CHÂTEAU CARIGNAN

BORDEAUX

Story

Château Carignan is located in the town of Carignan de Bordeaux, 10km (6.5 miles) East of Bordeaux. The castle was built in 1452, by Jean Poton de Xaintrailles - comrade in arms of Joan of Arc - and was instrumental in the victory of the Castillon battle that ended the Hundred Years' War.

In 2007, Andy Lench purchased the estate that now covers 150 hectares (370 acres) of which 65 hectares (160 acres) are under vine and are spread over Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux.

Farming philosophy : sustainable

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties: 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

Plot size: 25 ha (61 acres)

Average age of the vines : 30-35 years

South-Southwest facing

Elevation : 50m (164ft)

Soils : Clay, limestone covered with stony gravels

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training Method: Guyot double
- No herbicide
- Cover crops every 2 rows
- Use Organic fertilizer including manure sourced from cows at the estate

Winemaking

- Mechanical harvest / Destemmed (100%)
- Cold Pre-fermentation maceration : 24-48h
- Alcoholic Fermentation : temperature-controlled stainless-steel and concrete tanks / 5-7 days – Malolactic fermentation in stainless-steel tanks
- Maceration techniques : 2 pump-overs and 1 plunging every day
- Pneumatic press
- Aging : 8-12 months in seasoned Bordeaux barrels
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Tangential
- SO2 total : <100ppm

Tasting notes

A bouquet of complex aromas on the nose. Concentrated flavors of cassis, blackberries, cocoa and spices reveal the tannic and well-balanced structure on the palate.



Press ratings

89 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2017 vintage

91 pts James Suckling – 2016 vintage

91 pts James Suckling – 2015 vintage

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