

CHÂTEAU CARIGNAN

CADILLAC CÔTES DE BORDEAUX – PRIMA

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

« Prima » means the first wine of the estate.

Vineyard Information

Grape varietal : 100% Merlot

Plot size : 7 ha (17 acres)

Average age of the vines : 45+ years

Southwest facing

Elevation : 50 m (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 tank / 5-7 days – Malolactic fermentation in stainless-steel tanks and Bordeaux barrels
- Maceration techniques : 2 pump-overs and 1 plunging every day
- Pneumatic press
- Aging : 15-18 months in new and seasoned (1 year) Bordeaux barrels
- Fined: Yes
- Filtration: Tangential
- SO2 total : <50ppm

Tasting notes

A robust bouquet of toast, coffee, vanilla and leather underlines the richness of ripe blackberries. The palate is dense without excess, structured by notes of spices, showing round tannins and persistence.



Press ratings

90 pts Decanter – 2019 vintage

92 pts Wine Enthusiast – 2017 vintage