

Château Cissac

AOC HAUT MEDOC
CRU BOURGEOIS SUPERIEUR



Vintage 2019



The vineyard

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE: Haut-Médoc ,Cru Bourgeois Supérieur

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES: 34 years

BLEND: 58% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot, 8% petit verdot

AREA OF PLOT: 60 ha

YIELD: 30 hl/ha

SOIL MANAGEMENT: tillage of the soil and planting of grass cover, integrated pest management throughout the vineyard, leaf thinning mechanically and manually in part of the vineyard.

The Château Cissac vines are situated on a plateau with a soil composed of gravel deposits from the Garonne River. It is located at an altitude of 27.5 m, equivalent to the highest points of the neighbouring appellations, Saint-Estèphe and Pauillac.

Vinification

FERMENTATION: the use of both stainless steel and wooden vats has brought out the best of the winemaking processes for each parcel.

ELEVAGE: 14 -16 months, 30% new wood.

PRODUCTION FOR THE VINTAGE: 175,000 bottles

2019 Vintage :

"An extreme-weather vintage"

By Marie Vialard, manager

HARVESTING DATE: 23rd September – 20th October 2018

This 2019 vintage was beset with extreme weather conditions that affected the vines and the grapes the whole year long. Winter was very wet after a rainy autumn. March with its wind and showers started the growth with buds opening fairly evenly around the 15th. Flowers arrived early, around 25 May, in perfect hot sunny conditions. But in early June, a sudden change in the weather, with cold temperatures and a lot of rain, prevented many buds from opening, drastically reducing the potential yield.

Over 100mm of rain in June and average temperatures of only 12°C had a terrible impact on the yield of the 2019 vintage in Cissac. Late June and early July brought

heat and sun, speeding up the vine growth, and leading to a hot, sunny summer - exactly what we needed!

Summer was very dry, which improved the concentration of the ripe berries.

The first samples for ripeness indicated a dense, rich vintage.

Tasting notes

By Laurent Saint Pasteur, technical director

The Merlots are high in alcohol and smooth, despite the low yield. The low acidity gave crisp, slightly syrupy wines.

The Cabernets are much livelier. The acidity due to the Cissac terroir gives tauter, fresher wines with lovely ripe tannins. The 2019 Cissac blend has a very fruity aroma, predominantly black fruit and spice, with discreet hints of wood. The attack is clear and full-bodied, the freshness on the palate giving taut, accessible wines. The ripe tannins are velvety at the back of the palate, concentrated and powerful, making for a lovely long finish.

92-93 James Suckling, 92 Markus Del Monego



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