

CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE

SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU



Château Tour Saint Christophe is located in Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes at the frontiers of Saint-Émilion. The vineyard is a unique feature in Saint-Emilion, as it is partly planted on narrow terraces where the vineyard is tended in tight rows. This cascading landscape unfolds on the hillside of Cassevert overlooking the Saint Laurent valley.

Château Tour Saint Christophe was acquired by Peter Kwok and his daughter Karen in 2012.

The property overlooks beautiful centuries-old dry stone terraces on a clay-limestone terroir. In order to preserve its rich heritage, Peter undertook to restore the Château. The objective was to revive the vineyard terraces with the reconstruction of dry stone walls as it had been built in the 18th century. About 1,5 km of dry-stone terraces have been repaired by hand, a two-year process to preserve the appearance of these unique terraces in Saint-Emilion.

The vineyard, with vines of an average age of thirty years, is orientated South-Southwest and benefits from an ideal exposure to sun and perfect natural drainage conditions. It is this secret alchemy which contributes to the quality of our terroir.

TASTING

From the very beginning of the tasting of this very fine vintage, we find the identity of Château Tour Saint Christophe. Elegant aromas of blackberry and blueberry are combined with delicate floral notes and small chalky touches.

The powerful structure is carried by a beautiful acidity which brings a fresh and sappy side. Aromas of stewed fruit and black pepper complete the palate, which extends to saline notes.

CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE 2020 - FACTS

SURFACE	20 ha
GRAPE VARIETIES	80% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Franc
SOILS	Clay Limestone
HARVEST DATES	September 14th to 28th
VINIFICATION	After a meticulous selection process on the vines and in the winery, the sorted grapes are filled into concrete tanks or directly into Bordeaux barrels (about 25% of the harvest). This follows the method of Vinification Intégrale, particularly well-suited for Château Tour Saint Christophe. For greater autonomy, our team has been trained on the opening and closing of the barrels by our cooper partners. The main winery is fitted with advanced, varietal sized, and thermal-regulated concrete vats. Two additional cellars have been devised for vinification in barrel and for malolactic fermentation through climate-control systems.
AGEING	40% new barrels - 40% 1-wine barrels, 20% 2-wines during 15 months
PRODUCTION	85 000 bottles
ALCOHOL DEGREE	15 %



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PRESSBOOK

JAMES SUCKLING 96

«So much black fruit, black walnuts, blueberries, wet earth, black truffles and some graphite. Medium to full body with lots of tension and focus. It runs very long with a salty undertone and some bitter, burnt lemon. Yet ever so subtle and refined. Drink after 2027.» *James Suckling February 2023*

VINOUS NEAL MARTIN 92+

«The 2020 Tour Saint Christophe is powerful on the nose with intense black cherries, boysenberry and mint aromas - a nose that takes no prisoners! The palate is sweet and dense, but there are structure and sapidity here, a sense of underlying elegance that will surface with bottle age. This is definitely a Saint-Émilion for cellaring.» - *Neal Martin December 2022*

VERTDEVIN 94-95

«La bouche est fruitée, équilibrée et offre de la jutosité, de la fraîcheur, de la puissance aérienne, un très joli côté multi-couches de la densité ainsi qu'une certaine intensité. Une belle fraîcheur et concentration tout en équilibre. Puissance en finesse et équilibre. Ce vin exprime des notes de cassis éclatant, de petites baies noires pulpeuses et plus légèrement de framboise associées à des touches de groseilles, à des pointes de prune violette acidulée, de tabac frais, de badiane, de cardamome ainsi qu'à de fines pointes de poivre de Cuben et à une imperceptible pointe presque torréfaction et d'herbes aromatiques. Les tannins sont massifs, élégants, puissants mais moelleux.» - *Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche May 2021*

ROBERTPARKER.COM 93

«The 2020 Tour Saint Christophe opens in the glass with aromas of sweet cherries, raspberries and petals, followed by a medium to full-bodied, lively and pure palate that's rich and fleshy, with generously extracted tannins asserting themselves on the finish.»
William Kelley April 2023

JEB DUNNUCK 96

«The 2020 Château Tour Saint Christophe showed spectacularly well, and based off past vintages, this shouldn't surprise anyone. It offers a full-bodied, incredibly pure, balanced style revealing subtle oak, terrific darker, almost blue fruits, lots of chocolate, leafy herb and mineral nuances, and gorgeous tannins. It's worth pointing out that this will be the last vintage made by the talented Jérôme Aguirre. This terrific Saint-Emilion will evolve for two decades.» *Jeb Dunnuck March 2022*

WEINWISSER 18/20

«Extrem dunkles Purpur mit opaker Mitte und zartem lila Rand. Opulentes Bouquet mit einer vollen Ladung schwarzer Johannisbeeren, frischem Schattenmorellensaft und betörendem Veilchenduft, dahinter Lakritze, Nougatpralinen und Heidelbeergelee. Am vielschichtigen Gaumen mit cremiger Textur, reifem Tanningerrüst, herrlicher Extraktfülle, stützender Rasse und durchtrainiertem Körper. Im aromatischen langanhaltenden Finale blaue und schwarze Beeren, heller Tabak und zarte Adstringenz. Reiht sich nahtlos in die beiden letzten Jahrgänge mit ein.» - *Tjark Witzgall May 2021*

VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI 93

«The 2020 Tour Saint Christophe has grown into an elegant, sophisticated Saint-Émilion. Red/purplish berry fruit, hard candy, mint, blood orange, pomegranate and spice all run through the 2020. Medium in body and polished, the 2020 has maybe a bit less explosive intensity than recent previous years, but plenty of class.» *Antonio Galloni December 2022*

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER 95

«Dark black fruit, licorice, chocolate, espresso, smoke, and wet earth nuances create the complex aromatics. On the palate, the wine is lush, fresh, fruity, and layered with black, red, and blue fruits that feel as good as they taste while nuances of chocolate and spice show up in the finish.» *Jeff Leve March 2023*

YVES BECK 94

«Dense et crémeux en bouche, le vin confirme les ambitions présentées durant les primeurs. Il a de la puissance et du tempérament grâce à une acidité structurante qui plébiscite l'expression aromatique et la fraîcheur en finale. Un vin qui est encore en train de se mettre en place, mais qui est d'ores et déjà convaincant.» - *Yves Beck Novembre 2022*