

# Château Laffitte Carcasset 2017

## Technical Sheet



Château Laffitte Carcasset was founded in 1759 at « Le Carcasset » an area located at the heart of Saint-Estèphe appellation. In 1781 his owner, Jean Laffitte, lawyer and prosecutor of the King Louis XVI in Bordeaux, gave his name to the estate.

This beautiful chartreuse typical of the 18th century, is surrounded by the Classified Growths of Saint-Estèphe. The vineyard is on the gravelly plateau, near the Gironde estuary where the cabernet and the merlot best express their potential.

Owner :	Pierre Rousseau
Consultant oenologist :	Hubert de Boüard
Appellation :	Saint-Estèphe
Classification :	Cru Bourgeois
Area :	35 ha
Terroir :	Garon gravel soil Clayey limestone
Grape varieties:	60 % Cabernet Sauvignon 35 % Merlot 5 % Cabernet franc
Age of the vineyard :	30 years



**The 2017 vintage is one of the earliest in history.**

The mild temperatures favours the budburst of the vine in February, but at the end of April the cold returns. The frost caused major damage in the Bordeaux region. Protected by the proximity of the river and its terroirs in plateaux and hills, Saint-Estèphe is spared.

The good weather then settles in. Flowering is fast and homogeneous, as in 2005. The summer is dry, the veraison is early. Water stress has a qualitative effect. The wines are colourful, balanced, dense and have **great ageing potential**.

Blend:	59 % Cabernet Sauvignon 40 % Merlot 1 % Cabernet Franc
Harvest :	15 <sup>th</sup> September - 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Vinification :	Fermentation in stainless-steel vats Slow and gentle extraction
Aging :	12 months in oak barrels 30 % new oak
Alcool :	13 °
Notes :	91/100 Wine Enthusiast 90/100 James SUCKLING 90/100 Jeb DUNNUCK 15.5/20 Jancis Robinson 16.5/20 Le FIGARO 16.5/20 Bettane et Desseauve