



# Château Laffitte Carcasset 2020

## Technical Sheet



Château Laffitte Carcasset was founded in 1759 at a place called « Le Carcasset » in Saint-Estèphe. Faithful to the tradition of its time, the estate is a beautiful 18th century Chartreuse which owes its name to its owner Jean Laffitte, court lawyer and King's Prosecutor in Bordeaux.

Located in the heart of the appellation and its Grands Crus Classés, the vineyard is nestled on the gravelly plateau, near the Gironde estuary. The cabernet and the merlot benefit from an ideal climate and produce wines of great aromatic expression, in the purest style of Saint-Estèphe.

<b>2020 Classification :</b>	Cru Bourgeois Supérieur
<b>Owner :</b>	Pierre Rousseau
<b>Oenologist :</b>	Hubert de Bouard
<b>Appellation :</b>	Saint-Estèphe
<b>Surface area :</b>	35 ha
<b>Certification :</b>	HVE 3
<b>Terroir :</b>	Garonne gravel soil Clayey limestone
<b>Grape varieties :</b>	60 % Cabernet Sauvignon 35 % Merlot 5 % Cabernet franc
<b>Age of the vineyard :</b>	30 years
<b>Vinification :</b>	Plots vinification Fermentation in the new gravity cellar Stainless-steel and concrete vats Slow and gentle extraction
<b>Aging :</b>	12 months in oak barrels 40 % new oak



### Vintage 2020

**2020 ended the decade on a high.** One of the finest early-ripening vintages. An over-achiever, it succeeded in making the most of extreme conditions to reach the perfect balance.

The year was marked by a mild winter with an early growth cycle, then a sunny, wet spring, with even flowering. The summer was hot with heatwaves from 20 June to 10 August and record temperatures exceeding 40°C. Despite of the heat, the vines did not suffer from water stress. The ability of soils to retain spring and winter water has made all the difference in clay-limestone subsoils. A rainy spell before 15 August provided welcome relief.

Picking begun two weeks earlier compared to “usual” vintages. The Cabernet and Merlot are incredibly aromatic. The juices are deeply-coloured, concentrated and ripe while the quality of the tannins is very promising.

**2020 ranks among the great vintages. It is the perfect example of Bordeaux know-how : a sunny but fresh vintage, with minerality and tension and a promising aging potential.**

<b>Blend :</b>	53 % Cabernet Sauvignon 44 % Merlot 3 % Cabernet Franc
<b>Harvest :</b>	Manual and mechanical 11th september – 29th september 2020
<b>Alcohol :</b>	13 %