



Château Laffitte Carcasset 2021

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.

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



Vintage 2021

The year started out with alternating spells of mild and cooler weather. While bud break was relatively homogeneous, a spell of frost affected all French vineyards. In Saint-Estèphe, the vineyard was mainly spared thanks to its proximity to the estuary. Mid-flowering was recorded in early June, in line with the thirty-year average.

The year of the winegrower. Beautiful summer days were interspersed with rainy days bringing mildew and botrytis pressure. Viticultural practices played a key role in ensuring a high-quality vintage. August was fairly dry, with a great deal of sunshine at the end of the month. This made up for lost time and enhanced ripening.

A late harvest : 22 sept- 8 october 2021. The harvest began with the picking of the Merlots. Sunny, dry and cool conditions in the first half of October were propitious to the optimum ripening of the Cabernet grapes, which even exceeded their highquality potential. As a result, Cabernet is the big winner this year. The first tastings revealed wonderful ripeness with an unusual balance between alcohol and acidity. 2021 was not easy but turned out to be a high-quality vintage with good concentration, freshness and fruity notes.

Blend : 65 % cabernet sauvignon
5 % cabernet franc
30 % merlot

Alcohol : 13 %