

CHÂTEAU SIRAN

MARGAUX 2018



Château Siran: 160 years of family history

2019 is a bright year for Siran, full of the promise of the future and the richness of the past.

Chateau Siran was purchased on January 14, 1859 by the ancestor of Edouard Miaillhe, Leo Barbier, who acquired it from Jeanne-Adèle, Countess of Toulouse-Lautrec (the great-grandmother of the painter). Since then, six generations of the same family have succeeded each other at the head of the estate, a tradition quite rare in the wine properties of Bordeaux.

This year is full of projects with strong potential: the 2018 vintage of Siran is in line with the great Margaux's. Faithful to its terroir and its appellation, the 2018 will compete with the esteemed 2015 and 2016 Margaux vintages.

2019 will also launch work initiated several years ago on our environmental responsibilities.

Siran began the practice of environmentally responsible viticulture in the 2000's, but will now go further by implementing organic farming methods and drastically reducing the use of phytosanitary products limiting them solely to the fight against powdery and downy mildew.

Siran benefits from 88 hectares of an ecosystem favored by an environment of woods, meadows, and ponds, along with an orchard bordering a vineyard of 25 hectares of which we take care to maintain biodiversity.

We hope to have the honor of welcoming you to this estate on the rise, and share with you our great history and pride and above all, to have you taste our wines and the pleasure we take in making them.

Cordially,
Edouard Miaillhe

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The rainy winter of 2018 lasted until the spring. The sun arrived in July, allowing the grapes to ripen satisfactorily. What yielded was a fruit that is well ripened and the tannins of beautiful quality, giving the wines a complexity with remarkable flavors.

Siran was spared the violent frost and hail of spring. Despite this escape, we observed quite a lot of virulent rains and mild temperatures, making this season difficult still and subject to the spread of late mildew. Few plots were affected, with the greatest impact on the organic vines. We fought hard to save production. At the show of veraison, the team could finally breathe and got to work “green harvesting” to make way for the vibrant grapes.

Then came a beautiful summer with an alternation of very hot days and cool nights, allowing for a harmonious and aromatic development of the fruits. The accumulated water reserves from October to June gave the vines the essential freshness to the roots despite the drought of summer. The balance of terroir-cépage proved to be correct.

The maturation took place naturally, and smoothly, with the sugars well concentrated under the rays of August and September until the harvest spread to get the perfect maturity of the grapes, from the earliest to the latest. The harvest was healthy and homogeneous, also thanks to careful selection of the grapes, manual sorting in the cellar and after the de-stemming machine. Of special note this year are the Petits Verdots which are opulent and beautiful.

The winemaking took place under ideal conditions. The musts are aromatic, the extraction was done gently. The wines are concentrated, balanced and harmonious. The first blends show a fruity and complex wine.

In the end, the criteria is met for a big vintage of Siran.

Harvest: Merlots: from 20-26 September, 2018
Cabernets Sauvignon: from 8-13 October, 2018
Petits Verdots: from 9 and 10 October 2018
Cabernets Francs: from October 8-18, 2018

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 45%
Merlot 44%
Petit Verdot 10%
Cabernet Franc 1%

