



History and presentation



At the end of the last century, the CHATEAU TOUR DES TERMES was only a modest vineyard which produced 20 barrels a year, but already classified as a «cru bourgeois.» Pierre ANNEY, descendant of an old family of wine-growers and owner of a nearby vineyard, acquired the estate in 1939. He grouped together the vineyards under the label CHATEAU TOUR DES TERMES and constructed a house, cellars and outbuildings. In 1979, his son Jean and his grandson Christophe took over the property and expanded the surface area to 32 hectares of vines. They decided to dedicate the best soil only to produce the CHATEAU TOUR DES TERMES, made up of 15 hectares of vines of around 40-50 years old.

This rigorous selection enables the CHATEAU TOUR DES TERMES to be part of the best cru bourgeois of the appellation. Thanks to its Merlot grape variety, it is a Saint-Estèphe with sharpness and plumpness. The colour is dark garnet-red; the nose is fruity and very mature, associated with fine woody aromas with grilled and animal notes. On the palate the structure is both velvety and vigorous, offering an ample impression with forward tannins and grilled notes at the finish.

These wines can be laid down 5 to 15 years and can be served with grilled white meat or chicken. It can be decanted before serving.

VINTAGE 2018

A vintage that will be remembered!

Heavy rain in the spring initially caused us to fear the worst, but proved to be beneficial as groundwater reserves were replenished. These became vital during the high-pressure weather that arrived in mid-July and settled over Saint Estèphe until the end of the harvests. This long period of dryness and sunshine enabled the grapes not only to reach an exceptional degree of ripeness, but also for a concentration process to take place, in which they accumulated sugars, colouring matter and very ripe tannins, while keeping a pleasant freshness and delicious aromas.

Our gravel and clay-limestone terroirs in Saint Estèphe complement each other perfectly, and were a perfect fit for the conditions in 2018, with its highly contrasting spring and autumn. The first tastings offer a glimpse of rarely achieved potential, with very deep colours and high alcohol content, offset by a wonderful rich, velvety tannic structure. Like the vintage, the balance is perfect.

TECHNICAL CARD

Surface : 15 ha

Yield : 45 hl / ha

Soils : 2/3 Pyrenean Gravels , 1/3 Clay-limestones

Grapes Varieties : 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

Average age of wines : 40-50 years old

Production : 90.000 bottles

Vinification : 80% traditional, 20% integral vinification in oak barrels

Ageing : 15 months in oak barrels the ALLIERS regions, 50% of which are new

FIRST TASTING NOTES

JAMES SUCKLING : 92-93 pts. « *The blueberry and blackberry character with hints of vanilla, is very enticing. Medium body, firm tannins and a fresh finish. Linear and driven.* »

MARKUS DEL MONEGO : 91/100 « *Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Ripe fruit with slightly closed character, discreet spiciness and subtle oak in the background. Opulent wine with closed character but very promising.* »