



# CHÂTEAU LA TOUR CARNET

**C**hâteau La Tour Carnet dates back to the 12th century and is one of the oldest estates in the Médoc region. The medieval architecture features a tower built in 1120 and the château is surrounded by a moat. La Tour Carnet has had several illustrious owners, including the family of Michel de Montaigne, one of the greatest French philosophers and twice-elected Mayor of Bordeaux. The vineyard of Château La Tour Carnet was planted there in 1407.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Appellation:** Grand Cru Classé en 1855-Haut-Médoc

**Location :** Saint Laurent Médoc

**Area under vines :** 122 hectares

**Grape varieties planted :** 59% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet franc

**Age of the vines :** 30 years

**Planting density :** 8,000 to 10,000 vines per hectare

**Soil :** Clay subsoil with a large proportion of limestone covered by a deep layer of Günz gravel

### Vineyard management :

- Detailed-oriented viticulture
- Thinning out of the leaves (1st after July 11th on the eastern side of the vineyard, 2nd after August 13th on the western side)
- Manual harvest in crates

### Winemaking :

- 1st sorting in the vineyard
- Manual sorting in a vibrating table before and after destemming with a team of 35 people, followed by a destemming with a Pellenc Selectiv' process Winery
- Cooling off of the harvest through a cryogenic tunnel freezer (spraying of liquid nitrogen)
- Vatting by gravity flow with a funnel
- Fermentation in wooden vats and small capacity concrete tanks
- Cold pre-fermentation maceration (8°C).
- Manual punching down
- Alcoholic fermentation at low temperature (28°C)
- Maceration for 25 to 32 days
- Aging in oak barrels for 16 months (30% new)

**Bottling :** 2016

### Harvest dates:

- Merlot: September 22nd-October 14th 2014
- Cabernet Sauvignon: October 18th-23rd 2014
- Petit Verdot: October 14th 2014

**Consulting enologist :** Michel Rolland



## 2014 BLEND

68% Merlot  
30% Cabernet Sauvignon  
2% Petit Verdot