



# CHÂTEAU LA TOUR CARNET

First Harvest in 1409

**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 :** 123 hectares

**Grape varieties planted :** 62% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

**Age of the vines :** 31 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 16th on the western side)
- Manual harvest in crates

### Winemaking :

- 1st sorting in the vineyard
- Manual sorting in a vibrating table, followed by a destemming with a Pellenc Selectiv' process Winery
- optical sorting grain by grain
- 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 :** 2018

### Harvest dates:

- Merlot: October 4th to 17th
- Cabernet Sauvignon: October 17th to 21st

**Consulting enologist :** Michel Rolland



### 2016 BLEND

60% Merlot  
37% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Cabernet Franc

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The signature «Bernard Magrez» provides the guaranty from a great owner who's been involved for 40 years, giving his energy and determination for the quality of his wines. This signature is also substantiated by a national and international media campaign which makes Bernard Magrez the first wine advertiser in France.