## CHÂTEAU LA TOUR CARNET

he medieval Château La Tour Carnet, the oldest château in the Médoc, dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and still features the original tower from 1120, surrounded by moats. It has passed through various illustrious hands since then, such as the family of Michel de Montaigne, the great French philosopher and two-times Mayor of Bordeaux. The first vineyards here were planted in 1407.

Appellation: Grand Cru Classé en 1855 -

Haut-Médoc

**Location :** Saint Laurent Médoc

Surface area: 167 hectares

**Grape varieties planted :** 58% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot,

1% Cabernet Franc

Age of the vines: 32 years

Planting density: 8,000 to 10,000 vines

per hectare

**Soil type:** Clay and chalk-heavy subsoil below a thick layer of Gunzian gravel.

## **Vineyard management:**

- Precision farming,

- 1<sup>st</sup> leafing: from the 17<sup>th</sup> of July on the eastern side,

- 2<sup>nd</sup> leafing: from the 16<sup>th</sup> of August on the western side,

- Grapes are picked by hand in small crates,

- HVE3 (High Environmental Value Level 3), SME and ISO 14001 certifications.









## Winemaking:

- Primary sorting on the vine,
- Manual sorting on a vibrating table before and after destemming, using a Pellenc WINERY,
- Optical sorting,
- The grapes are cooled in a cryogenic tunnel (by spraying liquid nitrogen),
- Gravity-fed into tanks through a wide tank funnel,
- Small cement and wooden tanks,
- Cold pre-ferment maceration (8°C),
- Fully manual crushing,
- Low-temperature alcoholic fermentation (28°C),
- Maceration from 25 to 32 days,
- Maturing in oak for 16 months, with 30% new oak.

Bottling: Spirng 2022

**Harvest dates :** Merlot : from 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Cabernet : from 29<sup>th</sup> September au 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

**Consultant oenologist :** Michel Rolland

**BLEND 2020** 

60% MERLOT 40% CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The Bernard Magrez signature guarantees the full support and backing of a master vintner, who for the last forty years has poured his energy into improving his wines. This signature is also backed by a nationwide and worldwide campaign, which has made Bernard Magrez the most powerful marketing force in the French wine industry.