



# CHÂTEAU LA TOUR CARNET

First Harvest in 1409

The medieval Château La Tour Carnet, the oldest château in the Médoc, dates back to the 12th 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.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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

**Locale:** Saint Laurent Médoc

**Surface area:** 176 hectares

**Varieties:** 55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet franc

**Vine age:** 32 years old

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

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

### In the vineyards:

- Precision farming
- 1st leafing: from the 17th of July on the eastern side
- 2nd leafing: from the 16th of August on the western side
- Grapes are picked by hand in small crates

### In the winery:

- Primary sorting on the vine
- Manual sorting on a vibrating table before and after destemming, using a Pellenc WINERY
- Each grape sorted by density
- 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 :** Spring 2020

### Harvest:

- Merlot: From the 25th of September to the 10th of October
- Cabernet: From the 5th of October to the 15th of October

**Consultant enologist :** Michel Rolland



### 2018 BLEND

60% Merlot  
40% Cabernet Sauvignon



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