

Château MALVAT



VINTAGE	2019
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Fronsac
VARIETAL	100% Merlot
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TERROIR	Clay & limestone
INFO	2 Ha (4.82 Acres) vineyard devoted to Malvat. 2 plots, 1 planted in 1982 Harvested - Oct. 3rd & 4th 2019 Vinification: 23 days maceration on the 2019, with pumping over twice a day then fermentation at 28c Max & ageing in thermo-controlled concrete vats - 1050 Cs produced for 2019 Vint. Unfined / Filtered

Sustainable Agriculture Practices

About the Estate:

Thierry GAUDRIE is a reputed Fronsac producer, with a unique humor that I appreciate and "experience" since over 20 years. But now, pleasure and proudness to show is amazing other talent and the unique Saillans terroir & Fronsac AOP expression with his wines!

About 2019...."A very dry winter, a rather cool spring, a very humid June and finally a strong summer dryness gave it special character to the 2019 Vintage. Despite the vagaries of climate, the wines are amazingly balanced, very rich, without excess and with wonderful, soft tannins. A very generous, but elegant wine. A real success." *Thierry Gaudrie*

Even more with the tremendous fresh, full, rich and opulent 2019 Vintage in the Bordelais, Malvat is what I love and Bordeaux can be: Rich, ample and of a great Merlot extraction & expression from perfect ripeness, but remaining easy, fruity, silky. And once delighted by the nose, a very serious and opulent palate, with NO fight tannins but harmony. NO oak ageing on MALVAT and on purpose. Everything is in the fruit and proper extraction.

Tasting Notes:

"Coming from the Gaudrie family and mostly Merlot, the 2019 Chateau Malvat reveals a deeper ruby/purple hue as well as a subtle, nuanced style in its darker currant and cherry-like fruits as well as tobacco, incense, and spicy aromas and flavors. It's balanced, medium-bodied, has supple tannins, and loads of charm." *Jeb Dunnuck 90 Pts*

Food Pairing: Beef, lamb and also just with charcuterie.

Press Review:

"The texture of the superpipe Merlot is opulent, dense & structured, The wine's concentration comes with pepper as well as black cherry flavors and spice. This is a big wine that needs to soften." *Roger Voss 89 Pts Wine Enthusiast.*

"Cocoa, earth, espresso, flowers, incense & red fruits pop up easily on the palate & on the medium-bodied, soft, slightly oaky, round palate." *Jeff Leve 88 Pts The Wine Cellar Insider.*

2018 Vint.: "... It is powerful & dense, dark with tannins & rich in alcohol & generous black fruits..." *Roger Voss - 89 Pts Wine Enthusiast, Oct. 2020*

"Bright damson plum & lilac notes stream... light sanguine & mineral accents on the focused finish." *J. Molesworth 89 Pts Wine Spectator 2021*

"... soft, fresh & fruity with a pleasant, red cherry & sweet plum character on the palate & in the finish." *Jeff Leve 88 Pts The Wine Cellar Insider.*