



## CHÂTEAU LES CARMES HAUT-BRION

# Vintage 2021



### Blend :

40% Cabernet Franc  
35% Cabernet Sauvignon  
25% Merlot



**Colour :** Red

**AOC :** Pessac-Léognan

**Owner :** Pichet Family

**Estate Manager :** Guillaume Pouthier

**Consultants :** Derenoncourt Consultants

## Vineyard

**Plantation density :** 10 000 vines / ha

**Average age of the vines in 2021 :** 43 years-old

**Soil types :** Mindel graves on clay and limestone

**Harvesting :** 100% hand-picked

**Harvest dates :** 23rd September - 1st October 2021

## Vinification techniques

**Vats used :** Thermoregulated tanks :

Tronconic stainless steel tanks (60 hL),

Concrete tanks (50 hL),

Wooden tanks (76 hL)

**Duration :** 35 days

**Barrel maturing :** 70% new oak barrels, 20% foudres of 18 hL,

10% terracotta amphorae / standstone

**Duration :** 24 months

**Noteworthy features of the vinification and / or maturing process :**

No crushing, 45% of whole bunches

**Composition of the wine :** 13.5% / 3,60 pH

## Critic scores

The Wine Advocate	Antonio Galloni	Neal Martin	Jeb Dunnuck	James Suckling	Decanter	Jean Marc Quarin	Beckustator
98	98	95	93 - 95	97	96	96	99

  

Le Figaro	Alexandre Ma	Adrian Van Velsen	Jeff Leve	Jane Anson	The Wine Independent
96 - 99	97	96 - 98	96	94	96

This was a year... of incredible intensity! A year requiring the skills of a tightrope walker, when nature played games with the winegrowers. Solid in their vision of the place, present at all times, without respite, they played, shivered, imagined and ensured a commitment to the vine at all times. Passionate. Certain that this enthusiasm and these choices would be felt in the wines! The harvest began and the grapes showed all the richness of successful ripening, achieved slowly in cold conditions. The Cabernets excelled in performing their major role; character, juice, slender tannins.