

Château Brisson 2018

CSPC# 847778

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

Côtes de Castillon, Côtes de Bordeaux

Classification

Grand Vin de Bordeaux

Website

<https://www.castillon-cotesdebordeaux.com/vigneron/chateau-brisson/>

General Info

Château Brisson is situated in Belvès de Castillon on the north bank of the Dordogne east of Saint-Emilion. Since 1980 the property has been owned by Paul Valade and comprises 18 hectares of mainly Merlot vines which average 30 years of age. Paul works with his son and together they concentrate on making well balanced flavoursome wines.

Originally located in the Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux appellation area on Château Brisson and Château Le Peyrat, the vineyard expanded to Saint-Emilion in 2007. Two years later, Cédric Valade joined his parents on the property at the end of his agricultural engineering studies specializing in viticulture / oenology. On the property, everything is done to ensure irreproachable quality. All work is carried out by the Valade family. The know-how passed down from generation to generation, added to long hours of work in the vineyard and an implacable rigor applied to each task, allow them to offer you remarkable wines in Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux.

Vintage

2018 Cotes de Bordeaux produced great, character driven, concentrated, lusciously textured, rich wines that sell for a song. Many of the best terroirs found in the Cotes de Bordeaux are quite similar to what you find in St. Emilion and in other top Right Bank vineyards.

Wine lovers and savvy consumers that are not focused on the big names can be quite with the wide array of fabulous, well-priced wines available in 2018. Even better, most of these wines are already drinking well, so you can start enjoying them as soon as they hit the stores. Although, a few of these can age for 10-15 or 20 years if you are seeking more secondary characteristics.

Vineyards

Number of hectares: 19.00 Ha Soils: Merlot on clay-limestone; cabernet sauvignon on clay sands Grape varieties: 85% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc. The average age of the vines is 35 years.

Harvest

They harvest by hand and keep yields low to produce wine with concentrated fruits.

Vinification

The winery was built in two stages in 1991 and 2001 is equipped with the latest infrastructure, present in the best French vineyards. Winemaking techniques include pre-fermentation maceration, a gentle pneumatic pressing, filling barrels by gravity, storage in concrete tanks under the ground. Vinification: One week of cold pre-fermentation maceration, two weeks of fermentation at around 28 ° C, one to three weeks of post-fermentation maceration depending on tasting.

Maturation

This wine is aged for 12 months in Oak barrels. For this wine, the estate has made the choice to incorporate 33% of new barrels.

Tasting Notes

Merlot dominates this blend-as befits the appellation- and gives the wine its charming roundness and suppleness, as well as the typical ripe, fleshy black fruit aromas. A year of ageing in oak barrels gives great complexity. Its flavourful, fruit profile makes it accessible now and over the next ten years.

Serve with

Food & wine pairing: red meat, game, cheese

Production

10,000 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2021-2023

Scores/Awards

87 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2021

90-92+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019

88 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 1, 2021



Reviews *“Juicy and direct, with a mix of red currant and damson notes lined with cedar and red tea through the finish, where a hint of warm earth peeks in, giving it a touch of rusticity. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2022. 10,000 cases made.”*

- JM, Wine Spectator

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 Brisson leaps from the glass with a mélange of black cherries, blackberry coulis and cedary notes with nuances of bay leaves, tobacco and tilled soil. Full-bodied with a firm, ripe, grainy texture, it has a lovely line of freshness cutting through the densely packed black fruit layers, finishing on a mineral note. 90-92+”

- LPB, Wine Advocate

“This bold, powerful wine is full-bodied and rich in dark tannins. The dense texture of the fruit and one year in wood have combined to give a wine verging on over-the-top richness. Drink from 2022”

- RV, Wine Enthusiast
