

Château Siran 2018

CSPC# 847780

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Margaux
Classification	Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel
Website	http://www.chateausiran.com/en/les-vins/chateau-siran/
Sustainability	Sustainable viticulture without chemical herbicide
General Info	<p>Chateau Siran has a history in the Medoc that dates back to 1428, making it one of the oldest estates in Margaux. The property took its name from Saint Siran. At one point in time, Chateau Siran was owned by the Toulouse Lautrec family. The owners were the grandparents of the famous French painter.</p> <p>Chateau Siran has been the property of the Mialhe family since 1858, having purchased the estate from the Lautrec family. Chateau Siran has retained their artistic roots.</p> <p>Chateau Siran also created a new label each vintage that features a different artist. However, from the 2005 vintage forward, Siran has retained the same label. In late 2014, Chateau Siran finished a complete renovation and modernization of their cellars and wine making facilities along with their museum. The museum, which is worth a trip to see has a stunning collection of wine related objects including several ancient amphorae, the oldest of which can be dated all the way back to 300 BC. At various points in time, Siran was consulted by Michel Rolland from 1995 to 2004, who was followed by Denis Dubourdieu from 2004. Starting with the 2015 vintage, Chateau Siran began working with Hubert de Bouard of Chateau Angelus and the wines have never been better. In fact, 2015 is finest wine the estate has ever produced!</p>
Winemaker	Hubert de Boüard - Oenologist. Jean-Luc Chevalier and Marjolaine Defrance – technical team.
Vintage	A winter followed by an extremely rainy spring, followed by a hailstorm on July 15 put the harvest at risk. The exceptionally long and hot summer dried out the soil and allowed a beautiful concentration of the grapes, which were picked at perfect maturity during a magnificent autumn. This year, which was full of emotion, produced a great vintage, in line with the 2015 and 2016 vintages
Vineyards	The 25 hectare Left Bank vineyard of Chateau Siran is planted to 44% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc. Located in the southern part of the Margaux appellation, the grapes are produced from soils made up of a deep layer of gravel. Both powerful and delicate, they express the perfect balance between tannin, fruit, and acidity. The vineyard has a vine density of 10,000 vines per hectare. On average the vines are 32years of age.
Harvest	Manual harvests in small crates and manual sorting on tables. Harvest from September 20 to October 13, 2018
Vinification/ Maturation	Intra-plot selection, fermentation in thermoregulated stainless steel vats from 60 to 180hl, pumping over, releasing of some tanks, maceration at 28-30°, vatting period of 18 to 24 days, malolactic fermentation partly in barrels. Ageing 12 months in 35% new barrels French oak fine grain medium toast
Tasting Notes	Produced from soils made up of a deep layer of gravel, the wines of Siran are typical of the great Margaux growths. Both powerful and delicate, they express the perfect balance between tannin, fruit, and acidity. They are long-ageing wines, which over time develop sweetness on the palate, giving a characteristic silky and velvety mouth-feel. Made from a subtle blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, Château Siran generally expresses finesse, femininity, and silkiness rather than the raw power and virility of some Médoc wines. The high percentage of Petit Verdot, which can be as much as 15% of the final blend in some years, brings a spicy finish which enhances the unique character of the wines of Château



Tasting Notes	Siran. Château Siran displays charm when young but is also a wine of very long ageing potential. Wine enthusiasts particularly appreciate the complexity of its aromas that it develops over time.
Serve with	Chateau Siran is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Siran is a perfect match with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta as well as cheese.
Production	8,333 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2022-2035
Scores/Awards	<p>93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2021</p> <p>92-95 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - June 2019</p> <p>93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2021</p> <p>91-93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019</p> <p>94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021</p> <p>94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2019</p> <p>95 points/Editors' Choice - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 1, 2021</p> <p>93-95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 1, 2019</p> <p>16.5 points - Tom Parker, JancisRobinson.com - October 2020</p> <p>16 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - March 2019</p> <p>93 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - November 2020</p> <p>93 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2019</p> <p>93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021</p> <p>92-94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2019</p> <p>15.5+ points - Farr Vintner - April 2019</p> <p>92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - March 2021</p> <p>90-92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - November 2019</p> <p>89-92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2019</p> <p>91 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2021</p> <p>93 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - February 2021</p> <p>89 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com (score only) - March 2019</p> <p>17.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - April 2019 or January 2021</p> <p>16 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Juicy and forward, with expressive cassis, plum reduction and blackberry paste flavors layered together and set against a backdrop of black tea, bay and alder. Long, subtle mineral note leaves a mouthwatering feel at the very end. Lovely. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2035. 8,333 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Features a plush edge, with warm plum and cassis notes, ample velvety tannins and a long, mesquite- and tea-infused finish that has admirable depth. A distinctive style and should be a smart buy in the vintage. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. 8,333 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Siran wafts out of the glass with very pretty scents of red roses, cinnamon stick, chocolate-covered cherries and fragrant earth, giving way to a core of warm cassis and plum preserves, plus a touch of camphor. The medium to full-bodied palate is absolutely laden with rich, juicy black fruits, supported by velvety tannins and plenty freshness, finishing long and perfumed. This very classy, absolutely delicious Margaux tastes great now, but it will reward 3-4 years of cellaring and has the stuffing to continue thereafter for 20+ years."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 Siran opens with quietly spoken notions of baked blackberries, blackcurrant cordial and bay leaves with hints of scorched earth, tar and tobacco. The full-bodied palate is restrained and elegantly played with subtle earth layers among the black fruit and a solid foundation of ripe, grainy tannins, finishing with earth and mineral nuances."</i> - NM, Wine Advocate</p>

Reviews

“Blackberries, mushrooms and flowers on the nose. Full-bodied with a very compact palate that shows creamy and refined tannins that are strong and driven. Some tar and wet earth at the end. Needs three or four years to come together. Best after 2025.”

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

“This is a solid Siran with blackberries and hints of hazelnuts and chocolate. Full body and chewy tannins that are soft and polished. Shows depth and density.”

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*“From an estate in the southern part of Margaux, this wine has just the right mix of rich tannins and taut black-currant flavors to give upfront freshness and potential for further aging. Structured and fruity, it should be drunk from 2027. *Editors’ Choice*.”*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

“With more Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend than previous years, this vintage is structured and full of a ripe black currant flavor. It is spicy and offers fine tannins that will contribute to its aging potential.”

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

“Deep ruby colour. Sweet vanilla and baked plums on the nose but retaining some floral typicality. Silky smooth palate with very refined and ripe tannins. The fruit shines through and is ripe without any excess. Some bright acidity cuts through the smokier toasted notes on the palate. Succulent to the finish.”

- TP, JancisRobinson.com

“Black as the ace of spades. Lifted and fragrant with sweet blueberry fruit. Really pretty and inviting, just a hint of vanilla sweetness. On the palate, firmer and drier but it’s a complete whole and gently handled, the tannins smooth though compact and slightly blocky at the moment.”

- JH, JancisRobinson.com

“Juicy and confident black fruit, well controlled with a sense of energy and forward motion through the palate. A succulent peppery finish gives a mouthwatering signoff, and this will age well. Easily competes with the classified growths of Margaux. Drinking Window 2024 – 2038.”

- JA, Decanter.com

“Another impressive Margaux in this vintage. It’s a big wine with real structure and ageing ability, but it isn’t too tight and is not too obviously pushing its agenda. This is a lovely Siran packed full of tannins, fruit, and acidity - the triumvirate. It has excellent mouth filling blackberry and pepper notes, with a pretty high kick of acidity on the finish, marked by its Petit Verdot.”

- JA, Decanter.com

“Showing a good depth of color, the wine kicks off with flowers, forest floor, espresso, tobacco leaf, spice and a hint of truffle. On the palate the wine is round, lush, full-bodied and carries its multiple-layers of sweet fruits nicely. There is depth, length, and energy here. You can enjoy this for at least 20 years or more. 14% ABV.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“With considerable color and silky tannins, this wine is rich, polished, lush and round. The fruit is ripe, sweet, fresh and long with a spicy, dark cherry and mocha finish.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Deep ruby in colour, with spicy black fruits, mulberries and cassis on the nose. The palate is peppery with hints of violet and rose under black cherry. The tannins are dense and chalky, adding something savoury and taming the hint of warmth in alcohol. Long and fleshy on the finish.”

- Farr Vintners

Reviews *“The 2018 Siran, picked from September 20 until October 18, is raised in around 33% new oak (as usual). It has an intense, focused nose of vibrant black fruit, more floral than its peers, with violet and incense aromas. The palate is framed by pliant tannins and crisp acidity and delivers gentle grip and signs of graphite toward the finish. An accomplished Siran that is going to give 20-plus years of drinking pleasure. Drinking window: 2023 – 2042.”*

- NM, Vinous

“The 2018 Siran, picked from September 20 until October 18, is raised in around 33% new oak (as usual). It clearly possesses more fruit concentration than the previous vintage, presenting aromas of raspberry and wild strawberry and veins of blue fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and better weight and body than the 2017. The texture is a little grainy at the moment, but there is plenty of freshness on the pliant finish.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2018 Siran offers an explosion of red cherry/plum fruit, wildflowers, mint and spice. There is a sense of exuberance and energy to the 2018 that is impossible to miss. The tannins are a bit strict today, but there is so much fruit I think all the 2018 needs is time. Tasted three times.”

- AG, Vinous

“This estate consistently turns out an outstanding Margaux, and their 2018 Château Siran is certainly no exception. Lots of spicy currants, graphite, sandalwood, tobacco, and loamy soil notes define the bouquet, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a round, expansive, mouth-filling texture, solid tannin's, and a great finish. It's not the most elegant Margaux out there, but it's a complex, character-filled beauty that will keep for 15 years.”

- Jeb Dunnuck
