

Château Mangot 2020

CSPC# 847779

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	St. Emilion
Classification	Grand Cru Classé
Website	https://www.chateaumangot.fr/en/
Sustainability	Conversion to Organic
General Info	<p>What we know of as Chateau Mangot today has a long history in the Right Bank that dates all the way back to 1546. However, the modern era for Chateau Mangot starts in 1976 when the vineyard was purchased by Jean Guy Todeschini. The estate is still owned by a member of the Todeschini family today.</p> <p>Prior to 1976, The Todeschini owned a smaller, neighboring estate, Chateau de Lisse. In 1976, the properties were combined, giving Chateau Mangot a much larger vineyard.</p> <p>This also made sense from a historic point of view as the vineyards were originally part of the same estate in the previous century. Today, Chateau Mangot is managed by Karl Todeschini and Yann Todeschini.</p> <p>Chateau Mangot is located due east in Saint Emilion and is perhaps the last vineyard in the appellation before reaching the Cotes de Castillon appellation.</p>
Winemakers	Jean-Luc Thunevin consults
Vintage	<p>2020 was a highly contrasted vintage that got off to a difficult start. The year began with an exceptionally rainy winter followed by a very mild spring. In this context, protecting the vines against mildew and managing the soil was a real struggle. The first miracle appeared in mid-May, with dry and warm conditions during one of the earliest flowerings we have seen, two weeks ahead of schedule. The second miracle was on 19 June when the rain stopped, and the weather turned dry and cool until the beginning of the grape colour-change in mid-July. It is at this point in time that summer settled in for good, with some spells of heat through to mid-August when thunderstorms provided some relief and allowed the Merlot grapes to swell. The later-ripening Cabernets remained the size of blueberries until harvest, and the Merlots will ripen slowly until mid-September. The result was a vintage harvested about ten days early, mostly in sunny conditions.</p>
Vineyards	<p>The 35-hectare vineyard of Chateau Mangot is planted with 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard has a terroir of clay and limestone soils. The vineyard is divided into 21 separate parcels, based on a combination of soil types and exposures.</p> <p>Single and double guyot pruning, tillage and grassing, inter-row cereal sowing, organic soil-enricher, disbudding, green harvesting, leaf thinning. Vineyard management in ecological viticulture according to the Méthode Cousinié. NO use of herbicides, fungicides, or pesticides for more than 10 years. In conversion to Organic Agriculture. The Todeschini family also owns Chateau La Brande in the Cotes de Castillon appellation. They have old vines which average about 40 years of age. However, some of their Merlot parcels are more than 60 years old. They have good neighbors. Located in the cooler soils found in the Saint Etienne De Lisse sector of St. Emilion. They are not far from Chateau Faugères, Chateau de Pressac, Chateau Fleur Cardinale and Valandraud.</p>
Harvest	Harvest at maturity, by parcel zone -
Vinification/ Maturation	<p>Harvesting at perfect ripeness, according to the parcels and terroirs areas. The grapes selection is made on a vibrating and aerodynamic table, followed by the destemming of the grapes and pre-fermentation maceration at very low temperature. Gentle vinification in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats for 4 weeks. Ageing from 13 to 15 months : 30% new barrel, 20% of one wine, 20% of two wine, 20% in amphora, 10% in stainless steel vats.</p>



Tasting Notes	This cru, from the St Emilion Grand Cru appellation, is a faithful portrait of our 4 terroirs spread between the foot of the slopes, slopes, terraces, and plateau. The blend is also representative of the 21 plots that make up our vineyards. After tasting the grapes, we harvest them plot by plot according to grape variety, but also and above all according to terroir, altitude, exposure, and age of the vines.
Serve with	Chateau Mangot is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Chateau Mangot is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Mangot is also good when matched with Asian dishes, rich fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta
Production	65,000 bottles made.
Cellaring	Drink 2023-2045
Scores/Awards	<p>94 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2023</p> <p>92-94 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021</p> <p>93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - December 2022</p> <p>93-94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2021</p> <p>94 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - May 2021</p> <p>92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2023</p> <p>92-94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2021</p> <p>88-90 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2021</p> <p>92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2023</p> <p>90-92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2021</p> <p>90-92 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2021</p> <p>15.5+ points - Matthew Jukes (score only) - April 2021</p> <p>94-95 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2021</p> <p>92-94 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2021</p> <p>95-96 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - September 2021</p> <p>93-94 points - Vert de Vin - May 2021</p> <p>91-92 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - July 2021</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"The 2020 Mangot has turned out beautifully, bursting with aromas of cherries, wild berries, rose petals, blood orange and bay leaf. Medium to full-bodied, supple, and seamless, it's pure and vibrant, with a layered core of fruit, velvety tannins, and a long, mouth-wateringly chalky finish. This is a brilliant wine that sells for a song, and which surpasses many of its more well-known neighbors.</i></p> <p><i>This dynamic 37-hectare estate is located in Saint Étienne de Lisse on clay-limestone soils. It's a single block, ranging from the plateau above the château to the plateau below, with slops and terraces in between. Farming is organic, with seeded cover crops retained year-round, and vinification is parcel by parcel to produce the best components to inform the optimal assemblage. It's planted with some 75% Merlot, but that's tending to decline at the expense of Cabernet Franc, little by little, as blocks are replanted, and élevage united traditional barriques with less oxidative vessels such as amphorae, of which Mangot was a pioneer. The style emphasizes precision and purity of fruit without any obtrusive winemaking signatures. On a qualitative roll, Mangot is one of the best values in contemporary Bordeaux."</i></p> <p>- WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Composed of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep garnet-purple colored 2020 Mangot is scented of ripe black plums, blackberry preserves and black cherry compote, followed by hints of licorice, dark chocolate and cardamom, with a waft of wild mushrooms. The medium to full-bodied palate gives a great intensity of juicy black fruits with soft, rounded tannins and just enough freshness to support, finishing earthy."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"A firm and linear red with plum, bark, wet earth and mushroom aromas and flavors. Hazelnuts. Medium-bodied with chewy tannins that are integrated and together. Real St.-Emilion. From organically grown grapes. Best After 2025."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"I like the balance and tannin integration to this chewy, polished red. Blackberry, blueberry, and hazelnut undertones. From organically grown grapes."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p>

Reviews *“Bright plum colors full of flesh and bright fruits. Muscular on the attack, with poise and focus, and pulsating with blueberry fruits and saline-drenched minerality. Good stuff, enjoyable and impressively balanced with a grilled, smoked rosemary finish. 20% new oak, 30% amphora. Freres Todeschini are the owners here. Barrel Sample: 94.”*
- JA, Decanter.com

“Packed with black cherries, chocolate, and licorice from start to finish, the wine is deeply colored with layers of lusciously-textured black plums, blue fruit, and cherries. This is an opulent style that will offer a pleasure young, yet it can age for 2 decades as well. Drink from 2023-2040.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Deeply colored, the wine opens with flowers, espresso, licorice, smoke, and black cherries coated with chocolate. Silky, fresh, and polished, the wine is rich, round, and fresh, with a gorgeous sweetness, lift, and purity in the fruit.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2020 Mangot, matured in 30% new oak, offers ripe black plum, bilberry, and loamy scents on the nose, and just a very slight hickory scent in the background that might derive from the 20% use of amphorae. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy black fruit, moderate depth, good acidity, and a solid finish that just needs to develop more complexity and kick on a little. Fine, but the barrel maturation will be crucial in taking this up another level.”
- NM, Vinous

“The 2020 Mangot is a heady, full-throttle wine, just as it was en primeur. Jammy dark red/purplish fruit, lavender, sweet oak, and licorice are front and center. There's not much subtlety here, but that does not seem to be the goal. More importantly, though, the 2020 is not as ponderously heavy as some recent editions.”
- AG, Vinous

“The 2020 Mangot is an inky, full-throttle wine. crème de cassis, chocolate, lavender, licorice, and sweet spice give this unctuous Saint-Émilion its extroverted personality. There's not a ton of subtlety here, but the Mangot is not about that. Nicely done in this style.”
- AG, Vinous

“Emerging from a beautiful vineyard on the eastern side of the appellation and 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2020 Château Mangot offers a classy, medium to full-bodied, textured yet elegant style to go with complex notes of bouquet garni, scorched earth, violets, and leafy herbs. With beautiful fruit (cassis/black cherries), ripe, polished tannins, and outstanding length, I see no reason it would not offer pleasure in its youth yet also cruise for 15-20 years in cold cellars. Barrel Sample: 90-92.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, faint brightening on rim. Fine herbal savouriness, ripe black cherry, a hint of plum, fine tobacco nuances. Juicy, ripe blackberry, dark cherry, fine tannins, fresh acidity, very long, has ageing potential.”
- PM, Falstaff Magazine

“On the nose, fruity, elegant and offers a good definition, a nice fineness of texture as well as a discreetly tight and fine airy side. It reveals notes of blackberry, blackcurrant and slightly violet associated with hints of lily as well as fine touches of nutmeg, a very discreet waft of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of aromatic herbs. On the palate, fruity and offers harmony, juiciness, freshness, good definition as well as nice precision, finesse, some juiciness, a little concentration, and fine power. The wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright black currant and more lightly of small black berries associated with hints of strawberry as well as toasted, roasted, discrete touch of sense of terroir, aromatic herbs and a subtle waft of toasted hazelnut. Good length.”
- Vert de Vin