

Château Saint-Pierre 2019

CSPC# 831120

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	St Julien
Classification	4 th Grand Cru Classé
Website	www.domaines-henri-martin.com
Sustainability	The owners are concerned about caring for the environment and have been awarded a level 3 High Environmental Value certification (HEV 3) and the ISO 14001 certification.
General Info	<p>Chateau St Pierre is an estate that dates back to sixteenth century and gained its name when in 1767 the vineyard came into the possession of Baron de Saint-Pierre. Classified as a fourth growth in the 1855 classification, in 1922 the estate was separated from the chateau when vineyards were acquired by Belgian wine merchants. Château Saint-Pierre is the smallest and least well-known of the St-Julien crus and is now producing wine in accordance with its 4^{ème} Cru Classé status. Saint-Pierre can trace its history back to 1693 and its vineyards, located behind the village of St-Julien-Beychevelle, have always been rather fragmented. In 1982 the property was bought by Henri Martin, who also owns Château Gloria. Today it is run by his daughter Françoise and her husband Jean-Louis Triaud.</p> <p>Saint-Pierre's style is powerful and tannic with considerable depth of fruit and concentration on the palate. It remains underpriced compared to its more illustrious St-Julien neighbours.</p> <p>2018 also saw the inauguration of a new vertical wine press at Chateau Saint-Pierre.</p>
Winemaker	Technical Director: Rémi Di Constanzo Cellar Master: Philippe Blanchard
Vintage	<p>It looks like the 2019 vintage was, once again, a winegrower's vintage.</p> <p>Season after season, this vintage demanded observation, analysis, rigour, advance preparation. The winegrower, at one with nature, before benefiting from the exceptional summer conditions, knew how to deal with the mixed spring weather, how to assess the risks, how to understand the temperament of each plot.</p> <p>Without doubt, we can't say often enough how much talent is brought together in our rows of vines, to work this beautiful material cleanly, sustainably, passionately. A radiant wine-growing summer after a spring of twists and turns. Excess rainfall in April, fine weather in May, a sharp return to cool temperatures in early June; heatwaves at the end of June and July (and therefore with no risk of sunburn at this stage of the cycle), almost no rain over the whole of the summer and until the end of harvest, very moderate temperatures in August and September (again avoiding the risk of burning exposed berries).</p>
Vineyards	17 hectares on Garonne gravel planted with 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.
Harvest	September 23 to October 4
Maturation	Traditional winemaking followed by 14 months age in barrel, 60% new.
Tasting Notes	The playful bouquet of the Château Saint-Pierre of fruit compote, spices and tobacco shows aromatic complexity and a lot of potential for pleasure. The dominant notes of black cherry, black plum and black pepper shape its individual texture. A fruity red wine with a strong body and dominant acidity, which harmoniously unfolds its lively structure with finely developed tannins on the tongue and on the palate.
Production	75,000 bottles made
Cellaring	Drink 2027 – 2043



Scores/Awards **93 points** - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022
94-96+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020
95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2022
96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022
92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020
16.5+ points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - December 2021
95 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022
95 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020
96 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - March 2022
95 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022
95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022
94-96 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020
93-96 points - Farr Vintners - May 2020
95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022
92-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020
94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022
94-96 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020
96 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020
95+ points - Thomas Parker MW - March 2022
93-94 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020
91 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020
94-95 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - September 2021
94 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020
94 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - September 2021
95 points - Bettane & Desseuve (score only) - July 2020
18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020

Reviews *“A fleshy, sensual wine, the 2019 Saint-Pierre bursts from the glass with aromas of cherries, blackberries, burning embers and subtle spices. Full-bodied, velvety, and enveloping, it's seamless and polished, with a sweet core of fruit, melting tannins and succulent acids, concluding with a nicely defined finish. More overtly ripe than its stablemate Gloria, Saint-Pierre must be the most gourmand, immediate wine of Saint-Julien this year, and it's already drinking well on release. - drink 2021-2045.*
Owned by Domaines Martin, Saint-Pierre is situated just to the south of the village of Saint-Julien, on rather homogenous gravel-clay soils mostly clustered around the château—in notable contrast to its stablemate, Gloria, which is dispersed throughout the appellation on a variety of different soil types. This is an inherently riper site than the ensemble that constitutes Gloria, and that shows in a 2019 that's sensual and creamy, with a richer, more polished profile than the more classically proportioned Gloria. Winemaking, however, follows the same principles: vinification in stainless steel tank with regular but small pump-overs and at a rather low temperature of around 25 degrees Celsius, with extraction adapted in function of the maturity and quality of fruit, followed by élevage in barriques that are chosen with increasing exigence. So, if the 2019 is rich and gourmand, it's also supple, and judiciously extracted.”
 - WK, Wine Advocate

“Very deep purple-black colored, the 2019 Saint-Pierre comes shooting out of the glass with vibrant scents of crushed black and red currants, black raspberries, and boysenberries with touches of lavender, tilled soil, pencil shavings and camphor plus a waft of red roses. The medium-bodied palate is charged with energy, featuring densely packed, muscular black and red fruits with a solid frame of ripe, grainy tannins and tons of freshness, finishing long and mineral laced. Make no mistake, this estate is on a roll!”
 - LPB, Wine Advocate

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Saint-Pierre explodes with powerful creme de cassis, chocolate-covered cherries, and ripe plums scents, leading to hints of Indian spices and rose oil. Medium to full-bodied, lively, and with fine-grained tannins, it is chock full of ripe, juicy black fruits and finishes with a skip in its step.”
 - LPB, Wine Independent

- Reviews** *“Very pretty and typical for the appellation with aromas of blackcurrants, violets and sandalwood that follow through to a full body with layers of polished tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Lasts a long time on the palate. Classic structure. Drink after 2027.”*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- “This shows chocolate, hazelnut, and dark-fruit character. It’s full-bodied and delicious already, maintaining a real sense of balance and harmony.”*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- “79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot. Modest, low-key correct and dry, fully ripe St-Julien fruit. Pretty marked inky tannins with a hint of the sea. There’s something just a little bit raw. 14%. Drink 2027 – 2043.”*
- JH, JancisRobinson.com
- “A powerful St Julien, bedded and knitted down with layers of cassis and bilberry fruits, crushed stone, and baked earth, along with a gentler waft of tobacco and black pepper spice. Needs time to open, this is a confident wine with a ton of tannin and will require a bit of patience, but you’ll be richly rewarded. 55% new oak.”*
- JA, Decanter.com
- “Violet-edged, with sculpted fruit and an enticing mix of precision and generosity, with classic St Julien balance. Great depth of fruit, crushed rocks, smoked earth, tobacco. Takes time to show itself, but there is sweet blackberry fruit here, and a purity of expression that has clear long-term potential. At this point they were working 15% organic, before switching to 100% the following year. 49% new oak. Harvest September 23 to October 4, Eric Boissenot consultant.”*
- JA, Inside Bordeaux
- “Touch of flint reduction, good quality, this layers on cassis, kirsch, black chocolate, tobacco, slate, and grilled cedar. Not subtle, but there is balance to its exuberance, and plenty of concentrated muscular tannins. Give it the full 10 years in bottle before beginning to drink. 55% new oak”*
- JA, Inside Bordeaux
- “Blackberries, red pit fruits, flowers, tobacco leaf and red currants are the first thing you notice. The wine is soft, fresh, and creamy on the palate, leaving you with a wealth of vibrant, lusciously textured, rich, sweet, red, and black fruits in the finish. This is a top vintage for Saint Pierre. Drink from 2028-2050.”*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
- “The wealth of fruit is something you notice right off the bat. Lusciously textured, rich, fresh, nuanced, and complex, the waves of perfectly ripe, concentrated, velvety fruit are fresh, long, intense, complex, and exciting. This is a top vintage for Saint Pierre.”- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com*
- “The 2019 is a blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot, with a yield of 41hl/ha. It will be aged in 49% new French oak. Deep ruby in colour with an opulent, smoky nose of incense, tobacco, and cassis. The palate follows with spicy oak interlaced with fleshy black fruit. The tannins are plentiful but ripe, giving a creamy and exotic texture. This concentrated and smoky wine is modern but not overdone and will offer hedonistic pleasure with the right level of restraint.”*
- Farr Vintners
- “The 2019 Saint-Pierre has a little more intensity and ambition than the Gloria, offering intense blackberry, boysenberry, cedar, and pencil box aromas; hints of iodine come through with time. The palate is medium-bodied, dense, and saline, with sappy black fruit, fine acidity, and hints of black olive lending complexity on the persistent finish. A great Saint-Julien.”*
- NM, Vinous

Reviews *“The 2019 Saint-Pierre (Saint-Julien) is fabulous. Graphite, gravel, lavender, and inky dark fruit are some of the many notes that emerge from this potent, tightly wound Saint-Julien that is going to require at least a measure of patience. The blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot results in a virile, tannic Saint-Julien loaded with potential, but also a wine that demands cellaring.”*
- AG, Vinous

“I continue to love the wines from this château, and the 2019 Château Saint-Pierre (Saint-Julien) is no exception, revealing a dense purple hue as well as a great nose of ripe blackcurrants, green tobacco, cedar pencil, and chocolate. With rock-solid concentration, medium to full body, ripe yet building tannins, and the vintage's pure, balanced character, give bottles 4-5 years and it will evolve nicely for 25+.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“The 2019 Château Saint-Pierre (Saint Julien) checks in as 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot. It's a big, rich, powerful wine loaded with notions of blackcurrants, smoked earth, chocolate, and violet notes. It shows more elegance on the palate and is medium to full-bodied, has beautiful tannins, and a terrific sense of freshness and purity. It's going to need 4-6 years of bottle age yet will drink well for 30 years or more.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Medium golden yellow, silver reflections. Fresh yellow tropical fruit, delicate hint of wood, nuances of papaya and pineapple, delicate hints of orange zest. Powerful, fine fruit sweetness, ripe apricot, taut and tightly woven, fine honey in the finish, delicate orange confit in the aftertaste, a great promise for the future.”
- Falstaff Magazine

“Deep ruby-purple colour. Intense, dark-fruited succulence on the nose, layered with cedar and sweet baking spices. The palate is fleshy with cassis fruit and plush with soft, seductive but persistent tannins. Spice and deep fruit build through the mid-palate, adding breadth without becoming too sweet or smoky. This is a highly polished and spicy wine, but the balance is finely judged throughout. Long, incense-lined finish. This should have a long and open drinking window. Moreish already.”
- Tom Parker MW

“The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a racy power as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of pulpy/ripe cassis, small black fruits, small notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of blueberry, violet as well as fine hints of fresh cornflower, sweet spices, cardamom, black tea and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition, a very rich matter, concentration/power, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine tension, a fine racy minerality, a beautiful balance and a pulpy/ripe/dense fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of beautiful juicy/fresh black berries, crushed blackberry, small notes of crushed griotte associated with touches of crushed blueberry, juicy/fresh raspberry as well as hints of violet, chocolate, toasted and very fine hints of cardamom/tea. Good length. Tannins are racy, structuring and coating. A very discreet hint of dry almond on the persistence.”
- Vert de Vin
