

## Chateau Du Tertre 1995

CSPC# 744968

750mlx12

12.5% alc./vol.

### Grape Variety

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

### Appellation

Margaux

### Classification

Fifth Growth. Cinquieme Grand Cru Classe in 1855.

### Website

<http://chateaudutertre.fr/en/chateau-dutertre-2/>

### General Info

5th growth classified in 1855. Château du Tertre's history goes all the way back to the 17th century. Whilst the old Médoc Seigneuries were in the hands of the Bordeaux nobility and became top wine estates, Du Tertre left the Arzac Seigneury and in 1724 was purchased by Pierre Mitchell, an Irishman, who was the leading bottle manufacturer of the Bordeaux region. During the course of the 19th century, under the control of ingenious owners such as Henry de Vallande or Baron Henri de Koenig water, the wines of the estate gained world renown, culminating in their inclusion in the 1855 Médoc classification. Down a path, just past the village church, the remarkable outlines of Tertre's gravel outcrops come into full view. These were described by 19th century writers as « the lovely Tertre (hill) of Arzac ». The Margaux soils reach their highest point here, and it is one of the highest gravel outcrops of the Médoc area. Today, Château du Tertre is indebted to the Albada Jelgersma family for having rediscovered its aristocratic pedigree. Since 1997, Château du Tertre's destiny has been in the hands of Eric Albada Jelgersma, a Dutch businessman, who has long been a keen Francophile, a great art lover and a passionate admirer of the Médoc. Eager to get the very best out of his outstanding soils, which are exceptionally homogeneous and recognised as having some of the highest potential in the Margaux appellation, Eric Albada Jelgersma now sees his team rewarded for their efforts. Though having modernised the estate, Eric Albada Jelgersma has managed to maintain traditional methods while taking advantage of the latest innovations, making the wines of Château du Tertre superbly powerful and elegant with excellent ageing potential.

### Vineyards

The du Tertre vineyards are remarkable for being in a single, coherent block adjacent to the *château*, covering 52 hectares of the aforementioned plateau in Arzac. This is a gravelly, pebbly mound typical of the region, planted with 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. The vines average about 35 years of age, with many dating from the 1950s and 1960s, the average age brought down by the planting of 4 hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon and a little Merlot in 1999. With the arrival of Jelgersma, however, there was a new attention to detail in the vineyard, with better training and care of the vines, and a green harvest, all destined to improve quality.

### Harvest

Entirely manual.

### Maturation

The harvested fruit is fermented in traditional wooden vats stretching up to the first floor, with temperature control, and a maceration of up to three weeks. As well as the in-house team Jelgersma has engaged the services of local oenologist Jacques Boissenot in ratcheting up the quality. The wine spends up to eighteen months in oak (45% new wood from central France), with racking every three months and an egg white fining at the end. Throughout the process, from harvest to barrel, the wine is transferred by gravity feed rather than mechanical pumping. Clearly, with such care and modernisation in vineyard and cellar, the direction in which Jelgersma is taking du Tertre is up.

### Tasting Notes

Château du Tertre (Margaux AOC): This Classified Growth in 1855 is the first label of Château du Tertre. It is of great sweetness and flavour. Silky and freshness are combined in this flask to bring you the elegance expected of a great Margaux wine. The aging potential of this great wine is between 8 and 20 years or even more for the most exceptional vintages.

### Production

14,000 cases made



**Cellaring** Drink after 2003

**Scores/Awards** **85 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - January 31, 1998  
**86 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #115 - February 22, 1998  
**14 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)  
**85 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only)

**Reviews** *"A rustic wine with decent fruit. Slightly weedy, with berry, earth and tobacco aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. Try after 2000. 14,000 cases made."*  
- JS, Wine Spectator

*"A chocolatey, berry-scented nose with weedy cassis, licorice, and earth aromas is followed by a medium-bodied wine with fine concentration. Although monolithic, the 1995 is well-made, mouth filling, and moderately tannic. Anticipated maturity: 2003-2015. Readers should be aware that this property was recently sold by Madame Gasqueton (the proprietor of Calon-Segur) to a Dutchman named Eric Jelgersma, also the new proprietor of Chateau Giscours."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

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