

## Château Siran 2015

CSPC# 801700

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

55% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot

**Appellation**

Margaux

**Classification**

Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel

**Website**

<http://www.chateausiran.com/en/les-vins/chateau-siran/>

**General Info**

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.

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. Similar to what

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.

**Vintage**

Simply put, 2015 Margaux is the result of a close to perfect growing season. Everything went right from start to finish. The winter was mild. Bud break and flowering were both quick, easy and uniform. Spring was warm and sunny most of the time. The summer months really helped make the vintage. July was hot and dry with temperatures averaging 10% higher than most vintages over the past 3 decades. The extended hot, sunny and dry conditions continued until late July. In August the thirsty vines were rewarded when the exact amount of rain needed arrived. Before the rains fell, the vines were becoming stressed, grapes were small and growers feared the results of continuing drought conditions for the 2015 Margaux vintage.

The rain triggered the start of the ripening period. From that point forward, the vines enjoyed almost picture-perfect conditions with continued warm, sunny days and cool, refreshing nights right through the harvest. The small amount of rain that fell October 2 ranged from 13mm to just under 20mm, depending on where your vineyard was located. When you compare that with the 100mm that fell in the northern Medoc, especially in and around St. Estephe, you get the picture on what took place in Margaux, and how it compares to parts of the Northern Medoc. The continued period of pleasant daytime temperatures and cold nights could not have been better. Most growers started picking their 2015 Margaux crop by Monday, September 21, finishing by October 7, with a few stragglers completing their harvest a few days later.

Because Margaux is a large appellation, with 1,355 hectares planted with vines, you find a wide array of terroirs and soil types. What makes 2015 Margaux such a great vintage is, even with such a wide variance in terroir, (due to the size of the region), almost everyone produced strong wine here, from the 1855 Classified Growths to the Cru Bourgeois estates, and even unclassified vineyards. Clearly, Margaux is the top appellation in the Left Bank this year.



<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>The 25 hectare Left Bank vineyard of Chateau Siran is planted to 48% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot. 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 kept at 30 years of age.</p> <p>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>
<b>Harvest</b>	<p>Handpicked in 60L crates starting on September 17, 2015.</p> <p>Average yield 52 hectoliters/ha.</p>
<b>Vinification</b>	<p>To produce the wine of Chateau Siran, the wine is vinified in temperature controlled, stainless steel vats. Malolactic fermentation takes place in tank. The wine is aged in 35% new, French oak barrels for 12 months before bottling. On average, the annual production of Siran is close to 10,000 cases of wine per vintage</p>
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>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 Siran.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Serve with</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Production</b>	<p>10,000 cases made (120,000 bottles).</p>
<b>Cellaring</b>	<p>Drink 2020-2045</p>
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>92 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2018  <b>90-93 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2016  <b>93 points</b> - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate - March 2018  <b>92-94 points</b> - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #224 - April 2016  <b>94 points</b> - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - February 2018  <b>94-95 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2016  <b>93 points</b> - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 2018  <b>17 points</b> - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2016  <b>90 points</b> - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2016  <b>93 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2018  <b>93 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - July 2017  <b>91-93 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2016  <b>88-90 points</b> - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 2016  <b>89 points</b> - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2016  <b>91 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2018  <b>88-91 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2016  <b>87-89 points</b> - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - May 2016  <b>16.5 points</b> - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2016  <b>17 points</b> - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2016  <b>15.5 points</b> - Bettane &amp; Desseauve (score only) - April 2016  <b>16 points</b> - Gault &amp; Millau (score only) - June 2016</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Plush, with crushed cherry and plum fruit flavors carried by hints of violet, chocolate and lavender. The long, velvety finish features a gentle swath of roasted cedar moving through. Best from 2020 through 2030. 10,000 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p>

- Reviews** *"Supple and lush, offering enticing black currant and plum purée notes carried by warm, caressing tannins, with a lingering backdrop of espresso and roasted cedar. Score range: 90-93"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator
- "The 2015 Siran has a very poised and focused bouquet with pure black cherry, blackcurrant and violet scents that could only derive from this appellation. The palate is medium bodied with sappy black fruit, crisp acidity, firm tannin and toward the end it becomes more masculine in style. It is a very well-crafted Siran clearly built for long-term aging; therefore, give this wine 5 or 6 year at least so that it can show you what it can do. Edouard Miaihle has overseen one of his finest wines in recent years. Anticipated maturity: 2022 - 2045."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate
- "The 2015 Siran is a blend of 55% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot picked between 17 September to 12 October. It is raised in 25% new oak plus one-year barrels. It is a little richer and more opulent than its neighbor, the 2015 Dauzac, due to the higher proportion of Merlot. It veers to more red fruit here, wild strawberry and later cassis. The palate is smooth and sensual on the entry, very well defined with a keen thread of acidity. It grips the mouth, implying that there is more Cabernet than there actually is. I like the volume here, and unlike previous vintages that seemed to show some warmth on the finish, here the finish is much more linear and controlled, fanning out gracefully but with power emanating from that Merlot. This is likely to be proprietor Edouard Mialhe's best wine in recent years."*  
- NM, Wine Advocate
- "Beautiful dark and bright fruits with blackberry, blueberry and licorice aromas that follow through to a full body and round and lightly chewy tannins. Gorgeous texture. A long and flavorful finish. All here. Best ever. Drink in 2022."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- "This really is fantastic with so much ripe fruit and ripe tannins. Exquisite purity and beauty. 55% merlot, 38% cabernet sauvignon and 7% petit verdot."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- "Soft, ripe and juicy, this is an immediately attractive wine. Its tannins are already well integrated into the black-currant fruits and rich berry flavors. The wine will mature relatively quickly and should be ready to drink from 2021. (RV)"*  
- RV, Wine Enthusiast
- "Lustrous dark crimson. Really polished and compelling on the nose. Very round and ripe yet with lovely freshness. The best Siran I remember tasting! Really sappy and energetic. (17/20 points)"*  
- JR, JancisRobinson.com
- "Fine Margaux florality and very good depth of fruit. Almost has the breed of a cru classé with good natural charm, tannins and acidity for the future."*  
- SS, Decanter.com
- "There is no better wine from Margaux for the money than the 2015. Thus, sublime beauty offers silky textures, refined tannins and a sweet, juicy, mouthful of ripe, deep, red fruits, floral notes and a polished, soft, elegant finish. Prices can only go up. So, grab it while you can."*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
- "There is no better wine for the money coming out of the Margaux appellation than Siran. Character driven, complex, fresh, fruity and with loads of earthy, dark red fruits and violets. Look at the top of my range, as that is where this is headed."*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

**Reviews** *“Medium/full-bodied with a nice polish to the sweet, black cherries, plum and cassis, the ripe tannins, silky textures and long finish taste and feel great. This is probably the best vintage yet produced by the southern Margaux. The wine is made from a blend of 55% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot. Some of the credit for this super wine has to go to bringing in Hubert de Bouard as their consultant”*  
- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“Deep and saturated looking; has life and vibrancy; creamy cherry and blackcurrant tones; some summer fruit compote; violet lift; nice creamy palate; some wood to integrate but plenty to get to grips with here; needs to fill out a fraction on the end but good fruit and structure. [55% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, 14% alc]. Drink 2020-2030. 88-90”*  
- JW, [winewordsandvideotape.com](http://winewordsandvideotape.com)

*“The 2015 Siran has much to offer. I had hoped the 2015 would lose some of its rough around the edges character during aging. Although that did not happen, the 2015 is nevertheless loaded with personality and character. A host of savory herb, smoke, lavender and tobacco notes add layers of nuance throughout. The blend is 46% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Petit Verdot. (AG)”*  
- AG, *Vinous*

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