

Château Mangot 2018

CSPC# 847779

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	85% 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Winemakers

Jean-Luc Thunevin consults

Vintage

2018 Saint Emilion was not an easy vintage for producers. The winter months were easy, but the spring is one of the wettest in history. Depending on where you located in St. Emilion, during the initial 6 months of the year, between 550 mm to 600 mm (21"-24") of rain soaked your soils. This is more than the normal amount of rain the region experiences in a year!

From there growers fended off violent attacks of mildew, which struck fast and furious. 2018 Saint Emilion was saved by the hottest, driest, sunniest vintage conditions since 2003. Barely any rain fell from July to harvest.

Picking took place under warm, sunny, and dry conditions. On average, production was down 10-20% for many vineyards. Conditions were so good between late September and mid October; vigneron were able to pick at their chosen level of maturity. Harvesting took place from mid September to mid October.

Vineyards

The 35-hectare vineyard of Chateau Mangot is planted to 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.

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. 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.

Harvest Harvest at maturity, by parcel zone -



Vinification/ Maturation	<p>Selective sorting on vibrating and aerodynamic table - destemming - cold pre-fermentation maceration. Gentle vinification in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats for 4 weeks. Maturing from 13 to 15 months in 225 litre French oak barrels (40% new).</p> <p>To produce the wine of Chateau Mangot, vinification takes place in stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation takes place in French oak barrels. The wine is then aged in various percentages of new, French oak that ranges from 40%, and goes up to 100% for their top cuvees for between 12 to 16 months before bottling.</p>
Tasting Notes	<p>The new gem of the appellation, the favourite of international critics!</p> <p>Located east of the Saint-Emilion appellation, in the municipality of Saint Etienne de Lisse, Château Mangot has 37 hectares in a single parcel, of which 34 hectares are vineyards. Facing south, the Mangot valley or "circus" has 4 terroir areas: foothills, hillsides, terraces, and plateaus. From a geological point of view, fossil-rich limestone rests on a foundation of chalky molasse (soft rock), which emerges on the slopes (15% gradient) around the limestone plateaus. This increased presence of limestone gives the Mangot wine density and wealth while preserving freshness, minerality and tension. Mangot has a nice bouquet of ripe black cherry and raspberry, with spice, vanilla, and toast. The palate is medium bodied with soft tannins and good well-balanced acidity. This gives a smooth, attractive feeling with judicious use of the barrel that lengthens the finish. Simply stunning value for money!</p>
Serve with	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
Production	6,500 cases made.
Cellaring	Drink now-2035
Scores/Awards	<p>89 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2021</p> <p>93-95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019</p> <p>92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021</p> <p>91-92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2019</p> <p>93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021</p> <p>91-93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2019</p> <p>92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - March 2021</p> <p>89-91 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2019</p> <p>91 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2021</p> <p>91-93 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2019</p> <p>88 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - March 2019</p> <p>15 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"A focused, retrained style. Offers a mix of red currant and red cherry fruit lined with light cedar, flora and savory hints. Nice fine-grained finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2027. 6,500 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Blended of 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep garnet-purple colored 2018 Mangot is a little closed to begin, unfurling to show off bright blackberry, crushed blueberries and warm plums scents plus notions of lilacs and cedar. Full-bodied and laden with layers of pure, vibrant black and blue fruits, it has a firm, rounded tannin texture and long, refreshing finish."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"A tight, linear red with blackberry and black-olive aromas and flavors. Medium body. Firm and chewy. Try after 2023."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p>

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"Rich, plush and polished, with silky tannins, layers of chocolate covered cherries, licorice and earth on the nose and palate. There is good concentration of flavor along with freshness in the lengthy, silky finish. The wine is aged in a combination of new, French oak and clay amphora."

JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Black cherry liqueur, smoke and floral aromas lead to a silky, soft, fresh, clean wine focusing on the ripeness and purity in the fruit. This is an innovative, tidy style of wine, which in part comes from their move to a different way of aging -- both new, French oak and clay amphora."

JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2018 Mangot takes a few minutes to find its groove, eventually offering attractive blackberry and briary aromas; pencil box scents emerge with time, courtesy of the Cabernets. The palate is medium-bodied and has firmed up since I tasted it from barrel, that prenatal pliancy replaced by more backbone and grip. The oak here is well used and there is commendable sustain on the finish, though I think this will close up for a period before reopening."

- NM, Vinous

"The 2018 Mangot is dark, pliant and wonderfully expressive. Freshly cut flowers, mint and a range of red/purplish berry fruit flavors give the Mangot a bit more energy and brightness than has been the case in the past. The move towards a less extracted style is evident. There is an element of greenness in the tannin that still needs to be addressed, but things seem to be moving in a positive direction here."

- AG, Vinous

"Coming from a beautiful vineyard on the eastern side of Saint-Emilion, the 2018 Château Mangot has a pretty, floral style that carries lots of red and blue fruits as well as notes of cedary herbs, forest floor, spring flowers, and a touch of chalky minerality. With medium-bodied richness and fine, elegant tannins, this complex, nuanced, balanced 2018 shines for its purity of fruit and overall harmony more than overt power and richness. It's beautifully done. Give bottles 3-4 years and enjoy over the following decade."

- JD, JebDunnuk.com

"The 2018 Château Mangot comes from a vineyard on the eastern side of Saint-Émilion and offers a fruit-forward, medium to full-bodied style that carries plenty of blue fruits, some green, herbal notes, moderate tannins, and terrific purity. It should easily be an outstanding wine. Tasted twice"

- JD, JebDunnuk.com
