

## Château Tronquoy 2019 (formerly Ch Tronquoy-Lalande)

CSPC# 870072

750mlx12

13.49% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	50% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation</b>	St. Estèphe
<b>Classification</b>	Cru Bourgeois
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.tronquoy-lalande.com/en/les-vins/">https://www.tronquoy-lalande.com/en/les-vins/</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	Environmental, Green winery.
<b>General Info</b>	Château Tronquoy (formerly Tronquoy-Lalande) is a wine estate in the Saint-Estèphe appellation of northern Bordeaux's Médoc region, on the left bank of the Gironde estuary, roughly 60km (37 miles) north of Bordeaux city center. Its grand vin is made chiefly from Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.
<b>Winemaker</b>	Jean Bernard Delmas.
<b>Vintage</b>	The château reports on the 2019 growing season as follows: "A sweet, dry winter on the whole, a contrasting spring followed by a very hot summer with some heatwaves in July and a fine harvest, sum up the weather conditions for 2019. The end of the exceptionally warm winter led to early budburst at the end of March. Uneven spring weather, with particularly cool April and May, causes the vines to lose their lead. Tronquoy's early-ripening terroirs favored rapid, uniform flowering in just a few days. The first signs of veraison appeared on July 30. The hot summer was marked by a scorching July, making 2019 one of the hottest years of the decade. Once again, our clay gravel soils proved their ability to cope with drought. Finally, the saving rains at the end of August and mid-September kick-started the ripening process and helped the grapes to concentrate beautifully. The harvest took place in good weather conditions. In the cellar, the grapes showed their full potential, heralding a great vintage. The juices quickly released their dense colours, adding great concentration. The acidity/sugar ratio is very good, and fermentation is proceeding normally. Gentle extractions are preserving the quality and elegance of the tannins. 2019 is taking shape in a precise style, in the fine tradition of the great "9" vintages."
<b>Vineyards</b>	With a total of 18 planted hectares of vines, the vineyard is planted to a density of 9,000 vines per hectare. The vines are on average close to 25 years of age. The terroir is mostly gravel with some clay in the soil. The vineyard is located inland from Chateau Montrose. The 30-hectare Saint Estèphe vineyard of Chateau Tronquoy Lalande is planted with 52% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot and 3% Petit Verdot. This represents a large shift in the vineyard since the new owners took control. Now, you find much more Merlot and less Cabernet Sauvignon.
<b>Harvest</b>	Dates unknown. The harvest took place in good weather conditions.
<b>Winemaking</b>	To produce the wine of Chateau Tronquoy Lalande, vinification takes place in 22 geothermal powered, stainless-steel tanks. The tanks allow for a parcel-by-parcel vinification. The tanks were made with a slight pitch or tilt at the bottom of the vat. The purpose is to allow the winemaker to capture more of the press wine. The additional press wine that is recovered utilizing this method is of better quality. The reason behind it is that it does not require mechanical actions to be produced. Gentle actions do produce softer, more elegant wine, which of course lends more softness to Tronquoy Lalande. All of these changes have clearly improved the quality here, giving the wine more finesse, softer, more gentle textures, and much better purity of fruit. On average, the wine is aged in 25% new, French oak barrels for an average of 12 months before bottling.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Despite the blend being 50% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot, it is the Cabernet aromas that predominate here with lush notes of plums, spice, cedar wood and liquorice. The wine is silky and a little closed at first. With time it opens up to reveal bramble and cassis fruit and a vein of savoury acidity. There is a firm reverberation of fresh tannin on the long finish which promises well for its aging potential.
<b>Serve with</b>	Tronquoy Lalande is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, stewed, and grilled dishes. With its spicy character, Tronquoy Lalande also pairs well with a wide variety of Asian dishes.
<b>Production</b>	unknown
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2025-2045



**Scores/Awards** **91 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2022  
**93+ points** - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - October 2022  
**93 points** - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022  
**94 points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - April 2022  
**94 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022  
**92 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - October 2022  
**17.5 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - February 2023  
**93 points** - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022  
**94 points** - Decanter World Wine Awards (score only) - January 2023  
**93 points** - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - June 2020  
**94 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022  
**94+ points** - Thomas Parker, Farr Vintners - October 2023  
**95 points** - Thomas Parker, Farr Vintners - February 2023  
**92 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - January 2023  
**92 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022  
**92 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022  
**93 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - March 2022  
**95 points** - Vert de Vin - September 2022  
**93 points** - Andreas Larsson, Tasted - May 2022  
**16 points** - La Revue du Vin France - January 2022  
**17 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020

**Reviews** *"Fresh and direct, with a core of plum and boysenberry notes backed by a hint of roasted apple wood. Features flashes of anise and warm earth throughout. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2030."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

*"As I wrote earlier this year, the 2019 Tronquoy-Lalande has turned out beautifully, and it continues to show very well, offering up inviting aromas of wild berries, spices, rose petals and cassis. Medium to full-bodied, layered, and sensual, with lively acids, ripe tannins, and a long, vibrant finish, it's reminiscent of a somewhat more sun-kissed and extroverted sibling of the terrific 2016 at this address.*

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- WK, Wine Advocate

*"The 2019 Tronquoy-Lalande has turned out very well, offering up inviting aromas of wild berries, cassis, warm spices and rose petals, framed by a discreet patina of oak. Medium to full-bodied, layered, and velvety, with terrific depth at the core, lively acids, and ripe, powdery tannins, it's a wine to buy by the case. One of the Médoc's greatest values over the last decade, Tronquoy-Lalande sits opposite Meyney and Montrose (its sister*

**Reviews** *château) on a beautiful ridge of gravel some eight meters deep.”*  
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*“The 2019 Tronquoy-Lalande is made from 50% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 6% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it slowly unfurls to offers fragrant notes of rose oil, Indian spices, and licorice over a core of creme de cassis and stewed plums, plus a hint of lavender. The full-bodied palate is firm and sturdy, with grainy tannins and plenty of freshness to match the muscular fruit, finishing long and earthy.”*  
- LPB, Wine Independent

*“This is really complex and perfumed, with an extremely attractive bouquet of flowers and dark fruit, such as currants. Full-bodied with crushed stones and chewy tannins, yet there’s polish and sophistication to it. Serious bottle here. Try after 2025.”*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*“The wine is smooth with great black fruits and ripe tannins. It has structure that is buried in the ripeness of the wine. It will develop well, likely to be ready soon from 2025 and then rest at the same level of maturity.”*  
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*“Tasted blind. Very deep, glowing crimson. Sweet, ripe, and glamorous. Intense – like the essence of St-Estèphe. Stone tisane ... Combines the sweetness of the early wines in this flight with the stoniness of the later ones.”*  
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

*“Savoury aspects to the nose here, black truffles and dark chocolate. Such a dark fruit profile - black plums, cherries, prunes, some fig, really majoring on the ripe black fruits with some treacle and coffee notes. Fine but grippy tannins also really take hold in the mouth producing quite a full style - dense and filling. An interesting, nuanced palate with just enough acidity to keep things fresh and balance the deep fruit profile. I like this style a lot.”*  
- GH, Decanter.com

*“So much ripe juicy fruit here, striking depth and power to the berries. This has the seductive flesh of Merlot, and is overall extremely bright blueberry and blackberry, and full of vigour. The vines are now at 10 years after an extensive replanting programme and are showing their potential.”*  
- JA, Inside Bordeaux

*“Spicy, with tinges of wet earth, tobacco leaf, Asian spice, herbs, and currants. The wine is rich, ripe, round, fleshy and packed with sweet, dark red pit fruits and wet earth, finishing with the right amount of dark chocolate, espresso, blackberries, and currants. The wine should be allowed to age for a few years before popping a cork. 2025-2040.”*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*“Deep, vivid purple in the glass and intense on the nose with a gravelly, smoky tone and lashings of ripe blackcurrant fruit. Rich and powerful on the palate, it matches depth with a sheen of silky blue and black fruit. There is an airy top note, balancing the fruit with notes of flowers and white pepper. A spicy, impressive, complex wine, this is a mini-Montrose. Outstanding value for money.”*  
- TP, Farr Vintners

*“Tasted blind at Southwold 2019. Deep purple in colour with a wonderful, intriguing, and very floral nose of violets, cherry blossom, and cassis. The palate is glossy on entry, bursting with dark fruits and more perfumed floral notes. The wood spice adds a peppery kick, building with chalky structure which adds weight and depth. The fruit is deft and supple, balancing the rich structure with ease. A wine that should age gracefully in the cellar, and a very pleasant surprise when revealed. This is excellent value for money.”*  
- TP, Farr Vintners

**Reviews** *“The 2019 Tronquoy-Lalande has a concentrated nose with quite intense black fruit, touches of boysenberry, a little richer than some of its peers. The palate is medium-bodied with a dense, powerful, almost burly entry, very saline in the mouth, yet I am seeking more precision and finesse on the finish. That may well develop with time. Tasted blind at the Southwold annual tasting.”*

- NM, Vinous

*“The 2019 Tronquoy-Lalande has a very youthful, precocious bouquet of blackberry and blueberry fruit, crushed violets and incense, the Merlot (50%) very expressive. The palate is medium-bodied, fresh, and lightly peppered, with a powdery texture, fine acidity, a crunchy texture on the finish and hints of graphite on the aftertaste. This is a delightful Saint-Estèphe.”*

- NM, Vinous

*“Always a slightly Merlot-heavy blend that includes lots of Cabernet Sauvignon as well as small amounts of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, the deep purple-hued 2019 Château Tronquoy-Lalande offers a powerful, medium to full-bodied, concentrated style that’s going to reward cellaring. Giving up lots of red and black currant fruits as well as cedarwood, iron, and chocolaty aromatics, it has terrific overall balance, background oak, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It’s well worth seeking out and comes close to rivaling the 2018.”*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*“The nose is elegant, delicate and offers elegant concentration, depth, and harmony. There are notes of crunchy blackcurrant, strawberry and slightly blueberry combined with hints of blueberry, morello cherry, fine hints of liquorice and a subtle touch of black tea and sweet spices. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers depth in elegance, finesse in its power, energy, and a tangy frame. A fine side in the approach of its richness, in the management of its matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/flavoured blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and, more slightly, wild strawberry, combined with hints of violet, blueberry, pulpy blue plum, hints of liquorice, bergamot, mocha, fine camphor and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut and vanilla bean. Nice fine grain on the palate. Nice work on the bitter taste. Smooth tannins. Good length.”*

- Vert de Vin

*“Intense and inky with bright dark fruit, fine tobacco, and oak. Dense and fresh palate, still youthful with grippy but ripe tannin, fresh style less sunny more classic with style and elegance.”*

- AL, Tasted.com

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