

Château Saint Pierre 2014

CSPC# 749556

12x750ml

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc.

Appellation

St Julien

Classification

4th Grand Cru Classe

Website

www.domaines-henri-martin.com

Sustainability

In 2014, Château Saint-Pierre employed sustainable agriculture practices and held both ISO 14001 and HVE Level 3 certifications.

General Info

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.

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.

Winemaker

Jean-Philippe Victor

Vintage

The mild spring weather advanced early budding in the vineyard. The relative warmth of April allowed the vines to develop rapidly, followed by a more contrasted month of May during which a rapid and even flowering was recorded. The coolness and rainfall in July and August caused the vines to be late and veraison was slow. This lack of light and heat was compensated for by radiant conditions in September and October. Green harvesting and leaf removal at sunset were carried out to ensure good ventilation of the vineyard, optimal ripening of the grapes and an even harvest. Because of this exceptional weather, the start of the harvest was delayed several times to allow the grapes to reach full maturity. The harvested grapes revealed a superb balance and a beautiful richness, guarantees of great quality as well as an important ageing potential.

Vineyards

17 hectares on Garonne gravel planted with 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.

Harvest

Hand harvesting.

Maturation

Traditional winemaking followed by 14 months age in barrel, 50% new.

Tasting Notes

Dark color, fresh aroma, still full of fruit, blackcurrant, eucalyptus; fleshy and dense on the palate, yet elegant, with the finest tannins, crisp acidity, and wonderful length. Among the best of 2014, with good aging potential.

Serve with

Chateau Saint Pierre is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, stewed, and grilled dishes. Saint Pierre is also good when served with Asian dishes, hearty seafood or richly textured fish like tuna, mushrooms, pasta, and cheese.

Production

5,000 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2019-2032

Scores/Awards

91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2017

92 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate Interim - March 2017

88-90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 2015

93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - Mar 2024

92 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - February 2017

91-92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2015

91-93 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - January 2015

17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - February 2018

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Scores/Awards **90+ points** - Steven Spurrier, Decanter.com - June 2015
94 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com (score only) - February 2022
92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - February 2017
92 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - May 2015
91+ points - Farr Vintner - March 2015
87-91 points - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2015
90 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com (score only) - March 2015
92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - March 2018
93 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - February 2019
94 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - April 2015
16.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2018
17.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2017
17.5 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - June 2017
16.5 points - Gault & Millau (score only) - June 2017
