

Confidences de Prieuré-Lichine

MARGAUX

PROMISING ALL THE COMPLEXITY OF A GREAT VINTAGE

2019



In 2019, the great terroirs of the plots making up the Château Prieuré-Lichine vineyard combined harmoniously to produce aromatic, fleshy and velvety wines, of hallmark Margaux style.

Free of major climatic setbacks and with a very welcome episode of weather at the end of the season, the vintage was both generous and of high quality.

Following a quite mild and dry winter, the 2019 vine cycle began with a bud-break in normal conditions at the end of March. The potential crop size was large with good, even vine shooting. The few episodes of frost experienced in the Médoc had no effect on the potential volume of the crop.

Particularly rainy spring weather ensured sufficient water reserves for the vines. Vine disease pressure was at a reasonable level. The flowering process benefited from the good weather conditions.

Summer weather suddenly set in at the end of June with a heat-wave, followed by a second and more intense one in July. Just as the net shortfall in the season's rainfall was starting to challenge the end of the ripening process, a welcome downpour arrived on 22nd September, the trigger for the harvesting to start in the young Merlot vines.

Because the plots of the Prieuré-Lichine vineyard are spread across the whole of the Margaux appellation, the ripening and harvesting dates were staggered accordingly over more than 3 weeks. The health of the grapes was very satisfactory. The last Cabernets Sauvignon, harvested on 15th October, showed fabulous balances. The vinifications went smoothly. The Merlot was ripe and displayed great roundness on the palate. The Cabernet Sauvignon offered juicy grapes with noble pedigree that would contribute to perfection their energy and their dense, silky texture in the blend.

The numerous qualities of the vintage can be found in Confidences 2019, whose gourmet expression and velvety structure ensure immediate drinking pleasure.

- **OWNER:** SAS Château Prieuré-Lichine
- **WINEMAKER:** Étienne CHARRIER
- **CONSULTANT:** Stéphane DERENONCOURT
- **TOTAL SURFACE AREA:** 85 ha (210 acres)
- **SECOND WINE SURFACE AREA:** 30 ha (74 acres)
- **AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES:** 20 years
- **SOIL TYPE:** Sandy-gravel
- **VINEYARD GRAPE COMPOSITION:**
 - Cabernet Sauvignon : 50%
 - Merlot : 45%
 - Petit Verdot : 5%
- **DE-LEAFING:** on one side of the row in June
- **START AND END OF HARVEST:**
 - Merlot : 23rd September - 4th October
 - Cabernet Sauvignon : 7th - 15th October
- **HARVEST RECEPTION:**
 - Grapes picked into small crates
 - Vibrating sorting tables
 - Manual sorting and optical line
 - No crushing
 - Gravity flow vat-falling
- **SURFACE AREA OF VINE:** 77.5 ha (191 acres)
- **VATTING PERIOD:** 28-30 days
- **OVERALL YIELD:** 51 hl/ha
- **YIELD FOR SECOND WINE:** 52 hl/ha
- **BLEND OF THE SECOND WINE 2019 VINTAGE:**
 - Merlot : 80%
 - Cabernet Sauvignon : 20%
- **AGEING:**
 - 40 % second fill barrels
 - 60 % third fill barrels
- **ALCOHOL CONTENT:** about ABV 13%

Château Prieuré-Lichine, certified High Environmental Value in 2019, is engaged in a sustainable certification procedure.

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