

CHÂTEAU LA PIERRIÈRE

CASTILLON-CÔTES DE BORDEAUX



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Olivier de Marcellac

*L*ocated just 1 km from Saint-Emilion, Château La Pierrière is not short of similarities when it comes to competing with the wines of its prestigious neighbour, and is much more affordable with it. **And its name was inspired by the characteristics of the terroir, in places revealing the famous limestone bedrock so unique in Saint-Emilion** – and so well-suited to the cultivation of Merlot. Edouard Kressmann, founder of the Kressmann company, recognised its full potential in 1871, and transformed the location **into what it still is today: our oldest and most loyal partner.**

Located in the hills of Gardegan-et-Tourtirac, Château La Pierrière has stood as a symbol of family tradition for the **De Marcellac family for more than 400 years**. In 1607, François de Lageard, one of its ancestors, received the **13th century feudal residence, protected by a dry moat, as part of a dowry**. Today the Château is **one of the finest examples of architecture in the region**, having been developed and renovated over the centuries, with the addition of an interior courtyard complete with « trompe l'œil » in the corners and a magnificent rounded tower.

400 years after the family's arrival, **Olivier De Marcellac** perpetuates and nurtures the legacy. A winemaker by profession, year on year he has restructured the vineyards, replanting and adapting the viticultural regime to the specific profile of each plot. **The similarities to Saint-Emilion in terms of both geography and geology are reflected right through to the wine itself, with its fruit-driven, elegant and supple wines.**



VINEYARD SURFACE AREA: 40 hectares

GRAPE VARIETIES: 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

SOIL PROFILE: 2/3 of the vineyard is planted on the plateau and 1/3 on south-west facing clay-limestone slopes. The soils are comparable to Saint-Emilion, with the same limestone bedrock exposed in places

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES: 35 years

PLANTING DENSITY: 5000 vines/hectare

VITICULTURAL REGIME: leafplucking in the more vigorous plots. A number of parcels planted with seedlings (fodder radish) have been introduced. This not only helps to manage water stress in the vines, but also acts as a natural fertiliser, as the plant matter breaks down over time

HARVESTING: by machine – The grapes are sorted on receipt at the winery on a vibrating table

VINIFICATION: traditional in temperature-controlled tanks

TASTING NOTE:

With its cherry colour and ruby glints, Château La Pierrière releases concentrated, red fruit aromas. On the palate, ripe fruit flavours followed by silky, well-integrated tannins typify this wine, with its distinctive style akin to Saint-Emilion. A supple, elegant and harmonious wine.

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