



CHÂTEAU LES TROIS CROIX

Famille Patrick Léon

2023 Vintage

Certification: Château Les Trois Croix is certified HVE (High Value for Environment) level 3

Budbreak: March 27th.

Mid-flowering dates: May 28th for Merlot, and may 31th for Cabernet Franc.

Vineyard work: A first de-leafing by hand on the vine's eastern side was made on all parcels beginning from June 30th to July 10th.
A second manual de-leafing on the western side was made this year : from august 28th to September 4th.

Green-harvesting for quality and quantity was done on all parcels just before véraison.

Harvest dates: Merlot and cabernet franc: from September 20th to the october 3th.
Manual picking in 10 kg crates.

Sorting of the harvest : Made in the cellar by hand and by densymetric sorting.

Yield: 48 hl / hectare

Vatting: from 19 to 28 days for the Merlot and cabernet franc
Daily partial and brief pumping-over.

Grape varieties: 83 % Merlot
17 % Cabernet Franc

Ageing: 33 % new barrels / 37 % one-fill barrels.
19 % two-fill barrels / 11 % in vats.

Analytical parameters : Alcohol level : 13,8 % pH :3,58 Total acidity : 4,1

The vintage in a few words :

After a near-normal winter, budburst took place in the last days of March. Spring was relatively warm, with not too much rainfall, leading to almost perfect flowering and fruit set. A hot, humid spring led to relatively high mildew pressure in June. Summer was marked by mild weather conditions, with less than usual midsummer light. An initial heat wave in mid-August accelerated ripening. A second heat wave in the first week of September was decisive relative to bringing the grapes to full ripeness. This 2023 vintage is marked by a generous nature that has produced an abundant crop. The thinning we carried out on all our plots was a key element in the success of this vintage, in order to achieve ideal ripeness. The two manual leaf-thinnings also played a major role in ensuring that the grapes reached a good level of ripeness.

This 2023 vintage is a great Bordeaux classic. It gives birth to a Château les Trois Croix of excellent balance, without excess, and with an excellent mid-palate. The omnipresent fruit gives this wine extra texture.

Exclusive distribution in USA and Japan.

