

La Madeleine de SAINT MONT

APPELATION D'ORIGINE CONTROLEE



SINGLE VINEYARD

- OLD VINES DATING BACK 1880 -
Tannat – Pinenc – Cabernet Sauvignon

The history of the wine

Phylloxera appeared relatively early in South-West France and developed at a frantic pace throughout the 1870s destroying most of the region's vines. The parcel known as "La Madeleine" was one of the first to be replanted after phylloxera, as early as 1880 according to expert ampelographers. This parcel is completely unique and bears testimony to a key period in the history of French viticulture. La Madeleine offers a living trace of some of the earliest examples of grafted rootstock, the use of new grape varieties and the preservation of certain ancient varieties which have elsewhere completely disappeared. This highly unusual parcel of vines, made up principally of the Tannat grape, has developed an extraordinary patina of character over the years. The parcel is guarded by a porch known as "La Madeleine" dating from the 14th century which provides a symbolic entrance to the site and represents the renaissance of our wine region.

The terroir

The terroir, with its marked tendency towards gravelly-clay soils and the consequent deep root-systems of the vines, encourages an expression of structure, complexity, roundness and fruit which sets the standards of the wines of Saint Mont, not to mention the finest wines of South-West France, soaring sky-high.

Ageing

Barrelling right at the beginning of this second fermentation enables the oak to blend more harmoniously with the tannins of the wine. Consequently, when the malolactic fermentation has finished, the wine is left in the 400L barrels and kept under close surveillance for 12 - 14 months. In order to avoid denaturing the expression of fruit, two thirds of the barrels are 2nd-fill.



WINE ENTHUSIAST SOUTHWEST FRANCE

SAINT-MONT

Cellar Selection

94 Plaimont 2018 La Madeleine de Saint Mont Tannat (Saint Mont). Vines planted in the 19th century provide the base for this single-parcel wine. It is hugely rich and structured, packed with dark fruits and dense tannins. Richness contrasts with the black-plum flavors and acidity that promise long-term aging. Drink from 2024. Brickell Wines LLC. *Cellar Selection*. —R.V.

abv: 14.5% WINE ENTHUSIAST | JUNE/JULY 2021 Price: \$80

Plaimont 2017 La Madeleine de Saint-Mont

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