



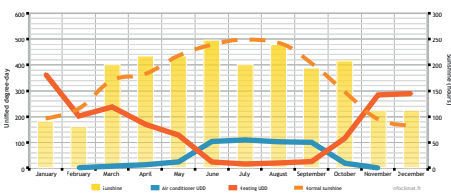
CHATEAU TROTTE VIEILLE

Premier Grand-Cru Classé
Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

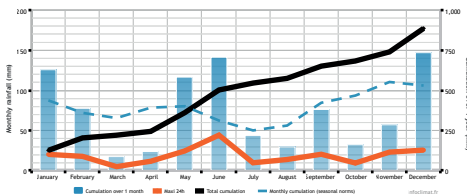
2021, A TESTING GESTATION FOR A VINTAGE WITH A VERY HAPPY END

After a mild, cold and rainy winter bud bursting happens in the April early days, unfortunately stopped by a terrible frost on April 7 and 8. Then May has been dry and warm, and flowering starts at the end of the month from May 8 to June 4. It is followed by unstable cool and rainy weather. July and August are unstable and cool; mid-veraison arrives around August 8. September follows humid in its first half ; then followed by a sunny and dry October. Thanks to an extraordinary job in the vines we have been able to pick top quality Merlots. Then as our grapes were superb and could wait, we have picked top quality Cabernets mid-October. The Cabernets Francs on the right bank have superb aromas and are silky.

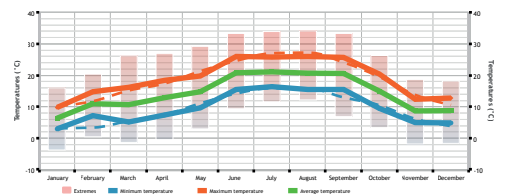
MONTHLY SUNSHINE DURATION



MONTHLY RAINFALL



AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE VARIATION



TROTTEVIEILLE
2021

THE VINE CYCLE



TERROIR

Appellation: Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Surface area: 12ha
Aging: 50% new barrels, 50% second-fill barrels; 100% French oak

CHATEAU TROTTEVIEILLE 2021

TASTING

“ Garnet with bright hues, the Chateau TrotteVieille 2021 shines with its aromatic brilliance, with notes of red fruits (cherry, raspberry) and flowers. After a smooth attack, it develops a silky texture, rich in flavours but with a lot of freshness. The tannins are precise, very light extractions have allowed to preserve their delicacy. The finish is marked by the characteristic salinity of this calcareous terroir. ”

Axel Marchal, Doctor of Oenology

BLEND

54%
Cabernet Franc

45%
Merlot

1%
Cabernet Sauvignon

NOTES

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Terre de Vins

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NOTES & COMMENTS

97



Terre de Vins

Inaugurant un nouveau cuvier en 2021, Trotte Vieille gagne en précision et en méticulosité pour exprimer la substantifique moelle de son terroir de plateau calcaire. Avec un cabernet en majesté (54 % franc, 1 % sauvignon), le vin s'annonce sur la verticalité, signé par un jus séveux à l'aromatique cristalline. En bouche, la matière est surgissante, finement tapissante, complexe, portée par une pureté minérale qui l'allonge et lui confère une superbe persistance et une finale saline. Une grande réussite du millésime.

94-95

La RVF

La belle maturité des raisins s'exprime dans les parfums de fruits rouges et de violette du nez. La bouche enrobée de tanins savoureux offre un bel équilibre, avec un fruit harmonieux jusqu'en finale. Ce millésime, le premier à bénéficier du nouveau cuvier, marque l'évolution du cru et son changement de style.

95

JM. Quarin

Couleur sombre et intense. Nez très aromatique, fin, fruité et subtil. Délicat en entrée de bouche, avec un toucher plutôt gras dans le déroulé, le vin caresse le palais, juteux et brillant dans sa définition aromatique. Il s'achève long, noble, sur une texture minutieuse. Ensemble plus précis que jamais, réalisé dans le nouveau cuvier organisé en tous petits contenants de 25 à 75 hl. Vignoble non touché ni par le gel, ni par le mildiou. Assemblage : 54 % cabernet franc, 45 % merlot, 1 % cabernet sauvignon. Degré d'alcool : 14° - pH : 3,6. Rendement : 38 hl/ha.

92-94

*William Kelley
The Wine Advocate*

The first vintage made in the estate's new winery, the 2021 Trotte Vieille has turned out beautifully, offering up aromas of sweet berries and cherries mingled with burning embers, rose petals and raw cocoa. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and polished, it's impressively deep and serious. It's a blend of 54% Cabernet Franc, 45% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.

94-95

James Suckling

This is very tangy and bright with real cabernet franc character, showing currant, orange and fresh-herb notes. Medium body with wonderful energy and acidity. Fine tannins. Racy and juicy. 54% cabernet franc, 45% merlot, and 1% cabernet sauvignon.

95-97

*Jeff Leve
Wine Cellar Insider*

Deeply colored, you find flowers, cedar, forest leaf, espresso and dark red fruits. The palate offers richness, freshness, opulent tannins, and purity in the fruits. Elegant, bright and supple, the finish lingers and builds on your palate. The wine blends 54% Cabernet Franc, 45% Merlot, and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. 14% ABV. The harvest took place September 27 October 14. This is the first vintage made in the new cellars, which allows for parcel by parcel vinification. Drink from 2025-2055.

93-95

*Neal Martin
Vinous*

The 2021 TrotteVieille is the first vintage vinified in the new facility, using 25vats for 11,5 hectares that Frederic Castéja told me allowed them more flexibility to pick exactly when they wanted. Matured entirely in new oak plus a couple of amphorae, it has a very detailed bouquet of blackberry, raspberry and a hint of licorice and crushed stone. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, certainly more detailed than previous vintages, and quite saline in the mouth, with a persistent finish. Classic in style, it has the tension to repay long-term cellaring. It may well end up at the top of my banded score.

95-96

*Andrew Caillard
The Vintage Journal*

Deep colour. Lovely elderberry, blackberry raspberry aromas with dark chocolate notes. Sweet fruited juicy, high tensile blackberry raspberry fruits, fine supple/ al dente tannins, dark chocolate notes. Firm finish. Very precise wine. Stunning freshness and energy. Part amphora with 100% new oak used for the remainder.

96+

*Markus del Monego
Tastingbook*

An elegant purple colour with violet hue and almost black core marks this wine with its unique style. Precision and elegance characterize the nose reminiscent of fragrant fruit, dark berries, ripe cherries, with hints of refined spices and discreet toasting. On the palate the quintessence of elegance with freshness, aromatic depth and excellent length.

93

Jane Anson

This austere vintage suits the style of Trottevieille, but risks being over-strict, and needs time to put flesh on the bones over ageing. Plenty of floral aromatics right off the bat, following by a mouthwatering combination of pumice-stone salinity, cassis and blackberry fruits, fennel and white pepper spice. Will take its time, but reward patience. 32hl/h yield, 100% new oak. First year in new winery, with double the number of vats (12 up to 25). Axel Marchal consultant.

94

*Georgina Hindle
Decanter*

A bright pink rim to the wine with beautiful florality as well as sweet red and black cherry notes on the nose - so expressive. Succulent and sharp, this is piercing at first, gorgeous crystalline cherry flavours that then settle quite a lot to reveal the chalky, crushed stone minerality that coats the tongue and cheeks with the spice from the Cabernet Franc coming through - clove, cedar, tobacco, dark chocolate - a bitterness to counter the sharp fruit. I like the mouthfeel, the tannins are softly plush and so integrated giving excellent structure and support. The darker more savoury elements take over towards the finish but this has good typicity and freshness. A serious take on the vintage with impressive detail, broad shoulders, well-wrapped tannins, a deft touch of oak and a core of juicy fruit. Sure to have a long life ahead. Drinking Window 2025 - 2050.