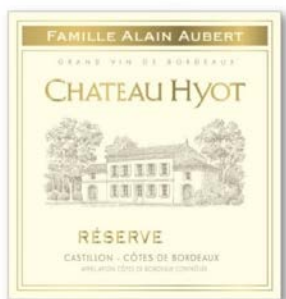


CHÂTEAU HYOT

Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux « Réserve » 2018 Single Vineyard – GPS 44.856072, -0.088025



ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux

SINGLE VINEYARD

Latitude: 44.856072

Longitude: - 0,088025

Altitude: 15,93 m

45 yrs. old vines on average

Gravel, sand & Clay soils

Yield: 35 hl/ha

BLEND

60% Merlot

20% Cabernet Franc

20% Cabernet Sauvignon

FARMING

Sustainable farming practiced

WINEMAKING

1 week of Maceration

3 weeks of Fermentation

AGING

Oak Aged for +/- 20 months

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

Château Hyot's 2018 'Réserve' Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux pours into the glass with great energy. As the oxygen calms is down, it slowly begins to open up into aroms of dark cherries and currants, only to be follow by delicious spices, tobacco, fresh florals and even a hint of toast. The palate savors the medium body as the velvety tannins slide into a soft, savoring finish.

The 2018 growing season had a challenging start. In its first half the region was met with incredibly wet conditions which led to a massive, regional attack of mildew. However, from mid-July through the harvest, the vineyards bathed in hot, sunny weather. This gave winemakers to pick their fruits whenever they felt like the fruits had achieved their expectation. Later picked fruit created more tannic, richer wines, while the earlier fruits created fresher, and slightly lighter cuvées. This vintage is full of diverse character and style yet doesn't stray from the idea of quality one bit. This year produced excellent wines "from the simplest Bordeaux to the great names. This is a sign of an exceptional year." (James Suckling)

Château Hyot's Réserve wine comes from a selection of older vines (aged 40+ years) located in the Côtes de Castillon on Bordeaux's Right Bank. Alain and Bernadette coax the vines to reach the full potential of the clay-gravel terroir in order for it to appear the final wine. This type of soil pushes the vines to root themselves deeply. The deep roots really implant themselves in the original soil below any man-made alterations to give a full expression of the terroir, and the older vines bring a great deep color to the wine.

The Alain Aubert family come from the winemaking tradition of Bordeaux's Right Bank. For several decades now, Alain, his wife Bernadette, and their three daughters have fine-tuned and perfected their craft. To celebrate their achievements, their US importer and close friend, Serge Doré, collaborated to create this special and exclusive set of new labels and wines, all proudly bearing the "Famille Alain Aubert" banner across the top to honor the work of the family.

ACCOLADES

2018 International Wine Report: **92 points**

2018 Wine Enthusiast: **91 points**

"This densely textured wine is concentrated and dark, with a layer of tannins and plenty of toasty flavors from wood aging. Rich black-plum and -berry fruits are moving forward to become part of a wine that has good aging potential. Drink from 2022." -W.E.

