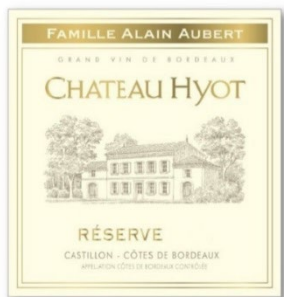


CHÂTEAU HYOT « Réserve » 2020

Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux

Single Estate – GPS 44.856072, -0.088025



ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux

SINGLE ESTATE

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 +/- 14 months

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

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.

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.

Château Hyot's 2020 'Réserve' Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux is a ripe Merlot-dominated wine. The aromas of berry fruits and the herbal nose is well structured while integrating the bold tannins and full weight of the clear fruits. A wine to be savored over time.

2020 in Bordeaux the heat and rainfall pattern produced an interesting paradox. The 2020 vintage was clearly very warm. The first part of the year, which induced the early flowering, was significantly warmer than 2018 or 2019, but the heart of the summer was very marginally cooler. Taken as a whole, 2020 was as warm as the baking 2018, but not as intensely hot during the summer. Yet the intensity of the rainfall (received as cloudbursts rather than prolonged rain) has given 2020 the highest amount of rainfall between March and September of the past decade, even more than the soggy 2013 and more than 15% above the 30-year average. The 2020 Bordeaux vintage has ended up being a really good year with wines of outstanding potential.

ACCOLADES

2020 Wine Enthusiast: **92 points** [CELLAR SELECTION]

"While the wine is currently dry and dominated by tannins, it has just the right weight of fruit in the background. It needs time for fruit and wood aging to come together in the wine's potential richness. Drink from 2025." — Roger Voss

2020 International Wine Report: **92 points**

2019 International Wine Report: **92 points**

2019 Wine Enthusiast: **90 points**

2018 International Wine Report: **92 points**

2018 Wine Enthusiast: **91 points**

