Saint-Julien, Chateau Gloria, Domaines Martin 2019



Region

Saint Julien is located between Margaux and Pauillac appelations, on the left bank of the Gironde estuary. The vineyards lie on a bed of sedimentary rock. The subsoil is surprisingly complex and is the reason why Saint-Julien wines vary so much in character. The grape varieties grown under this appellation are the same as those found throughout the Médoc area, i.e. predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon, along with Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Carménère.

Producer

Château Gloria is an unclassified St-Julien property that produces clarets that equal in quality those from the more prestigious classed growths. Henri Martin, a cooper by upbringing, took over the property in 1942 and began purchasing plots of vineyards from classed growth properties such as Gruaud-Larose, Talbot, Lagrange and Léoville-Barton. By the mid 1960s he had 50 hectares spread across the appellation. In 1982 he purchased Château St-Pierre and thus realised his lifetime ambition of owning a Grand Cru Classé property. Henri Martin died in 1991 and Gloria is now run by his son-in-law Jean-Louis Triaud. The wine is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. It is aged in a combination of large oak foudres and small oak barrels (50% new). Gloria produces a wine that is typically deep in colour and rich, cassis-laden and cedary on the palate.

Tasting Notes

A beautifully balanced and expressive Saint-Julien, offering aromas of blackcurrant, ripe blackberry and dark cherry, complemented by notes of cedar, graphite and subtle spice. The palate is elegant yet generous, with layers of concentrated dark fruit, finely integrated oak and supple tannins. Fresh acidity brings precision and balance, leading to a long, polished finish with hints of tobacco and savoury complexity. A classic Médoc expression, combining structure, finesse and approachability, with excellent ageing potential.

Food

Perfect with roast beef, rack of lamb, slow cooked short ribs or venison.

Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Saint Julien
Grape(s)	Cabernet Sauvignon (66%) Merlot (26%) Cabernet Franc (5%) Petit Verdot (3%)
Type	Red
Style	Smooth
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Full bodied
Sustainable	No

Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable	
Alcohol Content	14%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:** **Egg:**	No No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:** **Vegan:**	Yes No

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