



L'EXCEPTION DOMAINE DE SAINT AMAND CADILLAC COTES DE BORDEAUX RED 2020

Domaine de Saint Amand is situated in the village of Cambes on the banks of the Garonne river. By the remarkable terroir of its vineyard slopes, and the domain's small size, it stands apart from other properties. The 3.2 hectares of vines allow a very attentive approach to the cultivation of the vines as well as very careful ageing. Sarah Simon took over the domain in 2018: she is an enthusiastic young vigneronne, motivated by the passionate desire to produce quality wines that are both authentic and well-balanced. The blend "L'Exception" represents the full expression of the great quality of the 2020 vintage. Produced from rigorously selected plots in the vineyard, "L'Exception" assumes the modernity of its style and its respect for the traditional savoir-faire of Bordeaux wines. The estate is currently in conversion to organic viticulture and certified HVE3.

APPELLATION: CADILLAC COTES DE BORDEAUX

VINTAGE: 2020

VILLAGE: CAMBES - 33880 - FRANCE **SURFACE**

AREA : 3 ha 20

PRODUCTION: 2 400 bottles

TERROIR: Gravelly clay/limestone

VINE VARIETY: 100% merlot

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES: 30 years

DEGREE OF ALCOHOL : 14 %

HARVEST:

- Selection of plots
- Machine harvest at optimal maturity

VINIFICATION:

- Pre-fermentation and alcoholic fermentation under organic protection (no SO₂) in temperature-controlled vats
- Malolactic fermentation in vats

AGEING: 100% new French oak barrels for 12 months

TASTING NOTES:

Deep black-cherry robe, ruby edges going on purple. Very intense, limpid and bright, giving off an almost tactile sensation.

The first nose is profound and intense, bringing notes of black fruit on a background of cocoa beans. Gently agitating the wine fully reveals the complexity of the fruit, reminiscent of blackcurrant, blackberry, raspberry, and blueberry liqueurs.

The attack is full-bodied and opulent on the palate, fresh yet with lots of substance. A soupçon of vanilla on the baseline brings to evidence a certain oakiness that is totally at the service of the wine. Notes of pear sorbet and grilled almonds from time to time punctuate the generous body of ripe fruit.

RATINGS : JAMES SUCKLING 90 - ANTONIO GALLONI 89 - YVES BECK 91

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