

# CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE

CLAIRE VILLARS-LURTON



*Margaux*

2022

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*Depuis 3 générations, le domaine appartient à la famille Villars-Merlaut, et c'est en 2000 que Claire Villars-Lurton reprend l'exploitation en la convertissant en biodynamie, préservant ainsi son patrimoine et son terroir, tous deux historiques.*

*Claire Villars-Lurton*

CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE  
VINTAGE 2023



Dear friends,

I am delighted to share with you the 2023 vintage of Château La Gurgue.

Once again this year, despite challenging weather conditions for our young vines, it is a wine characterized by its fruitiness and freshness. Its very supple tannins make it a truly enjoyable wine.

Located in the municipality of Soussans, our vines are mainly from massal selection. This year, the Petit-Verdot, represents 13% of the blend and offers us impeccable, extremely supple tannins. On the palate, the velvety texture is certainly the result of rebirth of our soils,, made possible by two decades of biodynamic farming.

Alive, covered with vegetative cover crops, and enriched by an increasingly extensive mycorrhizal network, the terroir can truly connect with the vine and allow it to express itself as accurately as possible.

The finesse of the tannins, particularly emphasized this year by critics, also allows for the expression of a very beautiful aromatic purity.

The diversity of our aging process helps the wine to reveal itself in an authentic light. Half is aged in barrels, including 15% of new barrels, while the other half is aged in egg-shaped concrete tanks and clay amphorae.

This subtle balance gives us a fresh, slightly spicy, and extremely digestible wine.

I believe it is precisely these practices, carried out with my team for the past 20 years, that led La Revue du Vin de France to elect me Winemaker of the Year.

Before concluding, I want to sincerely thank you for the work done in the development of Château La Gurgue.

My team and I remain by your side every day to continue its growth.



Warm regards, Claire Villars-Lurton





92-93 PTS

JAMES SUCKLING

« It's crunchy, with good fruit concentration in the center-palate (...).  
Bright and firm at the end »

92 PTS

FALSTAFF, PETER MOSER

CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE  
CLAUDE VILLARS LURTON

91-93 PTS

ADRIAN VAN VELSEN, VINUM



91-93 PTS

JEB DUNNUCK

« The 2023 Château La Gurgue will be terrific (...). It's balanced, medium-bodied, had fine tannins and beautiful density. »

Margaux

92 PTS

MARKUS DEL MONEGO, MEILLEUR SOMMELIER DU MONDE 1998

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91-92 PTS

ALEXANDRE MA

90-92 PTS

RVF

« This small estate is owned by Claire Lurton, who produces a wine of pleasure, delicious, which can be enjoyed for its fruity character.  
Very easy to drink, refined, and smooth. »

90-91 PTS

LIN LIU, MW, WINE MANIACS



## PACKAGING VINTAGE 2023\*



**A SHORT CAPSULE REMINISCENT OF THE GREAT WINES OF BORDEAUX**

**THE HISTORICAL LABEL OF CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE WITH ITS OLD COAT OF ARMS.**

**THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF LA GURGUE EXPLAINING ITS HISTORY AND THE TAKEOVER BY THE FAMILY OF CLAIRE VILLARS-LURTON**

### THE COAT OF ARMS OF CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE

As a central element of the label, the coat of arms is framed by two heraldic lions, symbols of the kingdom of Judah, where the priests were the noble class.

This historic coat of arms also incorporates a neo-Gothic tower, which refers to the existing one on the property. The duck symbolises union and marital bliss.

At the end of the 18th century, the most valuable things went to the church and this was the case with the plots of Château La Gurgue. Its heraldic coat of arms, a symbol of the nobility and moreover of priestly families, was inspired by its membership of the priory of the parish of Margaux.

**« BY CHOOSING THE HISTORICAL LABEL I WISH TO GIVE BACK TO CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE ITS LETTERS OF NOBILITY. »**

**CLAIRE VILLARS-LURTON**

\* New label since Château La Gurgue vintage 2021

# CHÂTEAU LA GURGUE 2023

## THE VINEYARD

12 hectares of deep gravels and coarse sand on limestone. In the heart of Margaux appellation.

## THE CULTURAL PRACTICES



BIODYVIN

Agroecology on 100% of the estate

## THE VINIFICATION

Plot vinification. Alcoholic fermentation with natural yeasts (from the vineyard).

Gentle extraction, at a temperature below 25°C. 3 weeks of maceration. No input during all the vinification.

## HARVEST DATES

Merlot from September 13th to 18th  
Cabernet-Sauvignon from September 18h to October 2nd  
Petit Verdot: September 20th



## THE BLEND

62% Cabernet-Sauvignon  
25% Merlot  
13% Petit Verdot

## THE AGEING

12 months:  
15% in new oak barrels  
35% in barrels of one wine  
35% in ovoid concrete tanks  
15% in amphorae

## THE TEAM

Owner:  
Claire Villars-Lurton  
Technical Director:  
G rard Fenouillet  
Oenologist Consultant:  
 ric Boissenot

**THE YIELD** 25 hecto / ha

**ALCOHOLIC DEGREE** 13,2%

**PH** 3,60

## PACKAGING VINTAGE 2023



**A CARBOARD BOX, 6 BOTTLES**  
Responding to our environmental  
commitment



**OPTIONAL WOODEN BOX**  
**6 BOTTLES (2x3)**  
Extra charge: 50 cts / bottle