

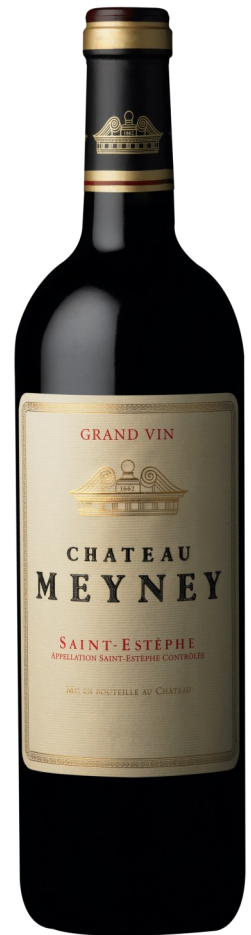
CHATEAU MEYNEY 2019

AOP Saint-Estèphe

~ Background ~

Chateau Meyney is one of the oldest estate in Medoc. Flanked by Chateau Montrose (2nd growth) and Calon Segur (3rd growth), the property's vines overlook and extend down to the Gironde River. Originally constructed as a monastery in 1662, the property was owned for several generations by the Luetkins family, who also owned Chateau La Tour Carnet (4th growth). During the 1855 classification, the Luetkins family had the right to present one estate for classification. Torn between Meyney (which had a superior terroir) and La Tour Carnet (which had a more majestic chateau), The Luetkins submitted La Tour Carnet...which was classified as a 4th growth. As a result, Meyney is not classified. However, its location, just between Montrose and Calon Segur, give an indication of the extraordinary terroir, and makes one wonder if it would have been classified either a 2nd or 3rd growth, if presented in 1855. Today CA Grands Cru owns the estate. Anne Le Naour, winemaker is the Managing Director of all of the estates owned by CA Grands Cru and David Launay is the Commercial Director. Hubert de Bouard, owner of Chateau Angelus, is the consultant oenologist. CA Grands Crus, owned by Crédit Agricole, has owned prestigious châteaux in the Bordeaux region since 2004, including Château de Rayne Vigneau, 1er Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes, Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, 5th Grand Cru Classé de Pauillac, Château Meyney, Saint-Estèphe and Château Blaignan, Cru Bourgeois du Médoc.

2019 Vintage: 2019 will go down in the history of Château Meyney as a sunny, surprising and beautiful year. After a dry and mild winter, the rainy spring did not threaten the sanitary balance of the vineyard. The very nice summer characterized by high temperatures favored a beautiful maturity of the grapes. The harvest began on September 24 and ended on October 11. 2019 is a vintage particularly highlighting the specificities of the terroir and climate of this year. With a great richness, the grapes suggest the birth of a historic vintage for this renowned Saint-Estephe.



~ Viticulture ~

- 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot planted.
- 51 hectares of vineyards in one.
- The average age of the vines is 35-40 years old.
- Planted density of 7,500 vines per hectare.
- The average yield is 50 hectoliters per hectare.
- The vineyard is planted on Garonne gravel soils with a notable particularity. A 3 meters thick blue clay vein buried in the subsoil.
- Chateau Meyney overlooks the Gironde River, which protects it from frost. A fairly steep slope gradually brings the 51 ha vineyard up to an altitude of 20m, facilitating the natural drainage of the land.
- Manual harvest following the tradition from the Médoc.

~ Winemaking ~

- After a double sorting, one in the vineyard and one on the optical sorting table, grapes go through a cold soak.
- Fermentation by parcels in vats of varying capacities.
- After fermentation, maceration continues for an average of 20 days before the wine is run off.
- Part of the malolactic fermentation in new barrels.
- Aged in French oak barrels, 35% new oak.
- **Blend: 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot and 16% Petit Verdot.**



94 Points. Notes of ripe blackcurrants and blackberries, vanilla, licorice and dark chocolate with touches of earthiness and nutmeg-like spice. Medium-bodied with ripe, velvety tannins and delicious fruit. Polished and refined. Try after 2023.



93 Points. A solid, slightly burly version, featuring streaks of tar and bay leaf mixed with dark plum and black currant preserve flavors. The finish is underscored by a warm paving stone note, which adds cut, drive and a hint of old school. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Best from 2024 through 2036. 16,000 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.



91 Points. Aromas of sweet cherries and berries mingled with tobacco, loamy soil and petals introduce the 2019 Meyney, a medium to full-bodied, seamless and lively wine with fine depth at the core, powdery tannins and an attractive sense of completeness. This is an understated but charming Saint-Estèphe that has turned out nicely in bottle.