

# CHÂTEAU TOUR BAYARD

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## Château Tour Bayard 2020 Montagne St.-Émilion, France

### ESTATE

Château Tour Bayard is a recent addition to the Milhade portfolio, coming into the family through marriage. This 25 acre property in the St.-Émilion Satellite Montagne-St.-Émilion has been run by the Richard family since 1956, and is now regarded as one of the top estates in the appellation.

### WINE

Tour Bayard is relatively modern in style, with refined tannins, punchy fruit, and seductive aromas enhanced by malolactic fermentation in barrique. Merlot is the predominant variety, accounting for 80% of the vignoble, complemented by Cabernet Franc and Malbec.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Clay and limestone marl

*Farming:* The vineyard is planted in a beautifully situated natural amphitheater with an ideal southerly exposure; the vines are about 40 years old on average. The Richard family works the soils organically, eschewing pesticides and other chemical treatments.

### WINEMAKING

*Variety:*

*Fermentation:* At harvest, the grapes are 100% destemmed and crushed before being placed in temperature controlled vats. Each parcel on the estate is vinified separately, and the wine is raised for 12 months in a combination of cement tanks (60%) and new and second fill barrels (20% each). The finished wine is supple and full-bodied, with excellent ripeness, and refined aromatics from the Cabernet Franc.

*Aging:* In a combination of cement vats and first and second use barriques for 12 months

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

91-93

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2020 Tour Bayard has a deep purple-black color, bounding out of the glass with exuberant notes of crushed black cherries, juicy blackberries and chocolate-covered cherries, followed by hints of dried mint, red roses and spice box, plus a touch of tobacco leaf. The medium to full-bodied palate is elegant and plush, delivering soft-spoken earthy notes to accent the black fruit

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Wine Enthusiast

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