

2022 Chateau Siran Margaux Bordeaux, France

Owned by the Mialhe family for over 160 years, the Chateau Siran is one of the emblematic references of the Margaux appellation. Chateau Siran was already renowned for the quality of its wines as early as the 18th century.

Chateau Siran is a Margaux wine from a 25-hectare vineyard, superbly located on soils composed of gravel and pebbles. The vines, averaging 38 years old, rest on hillocks made up of ancient alluvium and covered with fine clayey gravel. The vineyard is managed using sustainable viticulture and without chemical herbicides.

The 2022 label of Chateau Siran pays a vibrant tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, marking her jubilee and celebrating the indelible mark she leaves in history. Designed in collaboration with English artist Damian Elwes, it illustrates his work *Sunlight on the Thames* near Windsor, a luminous tribute to Her Majesty. This initiative is part of the family tradition of creating unique labels inspired by significant events. After themes such as space exploration or the joy of life post-pandemic, this vintage reflects elegance and emotion, while saluting an emblematic figure of an exceptional reign.

Harvested manually in small crates, the grapes are sorted in the vineyard and in the winery on sorting tables. Fermentation is carried out in thermoregulated stainless steel vats of 60 to 180hl, accompanied by pumping over and racking according to the batches. Maceration at 26 to 28°C for 8 to 10 days. Malolactic fermentation is partly done in barrels. The aging lasts 12 months in French oak barrels (of which 35% are new).

The 2022 Chateau Siran is a blend of Merlot (53%), Cabernet Sauvignon (36%), and Petit Verdot (11%).

Notes from www.millesima-usa.com



"Hibiscus and iris accents are infused liberally throughout a core of mulberry and blackberry puree in this version. Black tea and sanguine hints add range on the fleshy finish, which ends with a lovely sweet cedar echo. Textbook for the AOC and the vintage. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2040." **Wine Spectator 94**

"Aromas of minty cassis, herbs and pencil shavings introduce the 2022 Siran, a medium to full-bodied, velvety and lively wine that's seamless and integrated. This is an especially strong effort for this estate. Drink 2025-2042." **Wine Advocate 92**



\$64.99
Member discount on additional bottles: \$58.49

We apologize for typographical or price errors. Prices subject to change without notice.

2020 Monte Bernardi Sa'Etta Chianti Tuscany, Italy

Monte Bernardi is based in the Panzano subzone of Chianti Classico, an area regarded as one of the Grand Cru sites of the region. The terroir consists of a mix of shale (Galestro), calcareous sandstone (Pietraforte), and limestone (Alberese). The Sa'etta cuvée comes exclusively from vineyards planted on Pietraforte, whereas most of Monte Bernardi's wines are crafted from grapes grown in a blend of different soil types.

Stylistically, Monte Bernardi's wines emphasize elegance. A distinct minerality and earthiness run through all their wines, which remain vibrant and acid-driven, even in warmer vintages. Winemaker Michael Schmelzer is deeply committed to biodynamic farming and a low-intervention approach to winemaking.

The use of Monte Bernardi as a place name dates back to the year 1085. Most of the vines are more than 40 years old, and the first vintage was released in 1992. The grapes were previously sold to nearby farmers. The Schmelzer family has put a lot of time, love, and money into the vineyards, winery, and home since purchasing Monte Bernardi in 2003.

The total land area of the Monte Bernardi estate is 53 hectares (130 acres), with 10 hectares (24 acres) dedicated to vineyards, five of which are more than 45 years old. The farm expanded its vineyard holdings by 5 leased hectares in 2001, bringing the total estate-managed vineyard area to 15 hectares. The rolling hills in the southernmost part of Panzano, an area recognized as a Grand Cru of Chianti Classico, are home to the vineyards.

The vineyards have an ideal location, being 350 meters above sea level, surrounded by woodlands, facing south, and having the river Pesa flow just a few hundred meters to the south. All of these things combine to make Monte Bernardi's environment so special.

The Sa'Etta Chianti Classico Riserva (100% Sangiovese) has great complexity and minerality. The grapes are selected from the vineyard of the same name, "Sa'Etta". The vineyard enjoys optimal exposure and special soil.

After a natural fermentation in cement tanks, the wine is racked into oak barrels of German/Austrian origin, where it undergoes malolactic fermentation and remains for at least 18 months, followed by further aging in the bottle for 6 months. The vineyard is very stony, composed of Arenaria-Calcare known as Pietraforte, rich in quartz etchings, giving an elegant complexity and balance. With time, the wine shows juicy fruit, strong minerality, and acidity integrated with elegant tannins. The wine has great potential for aging but is also enjoyable in youth.



Notes from www.montebernardi.com/



\$54.99
Member discount on additional bottles: \$49.49

We apologize for typographical or price errors. Prices subject to change without notice.