

# CHÂTEAU ROUGET 2020

## POMEROL

*The history of Château Rouget began several centuries ago. Already known at the end of the Roman Empire, the Estate's terroirs were at that time merged with Saint-Emilion's ones. Château Rouget is certainly the Estate in Pomerol which has made the most progress during last 20 years.*



**Grape Varieties:** 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc  
**Planting Density:** 3,000 vines per acre / 7,500 vines per hectare  
**Average Age of Vines:** 45 years  
**Soil Management:** Vineyards are farmed sustainably, using practices such as cover crops and ploughing.

### Terroir:

- Soils are gravelous, either mixed with clay or with sand.
- This soil composition, combined with an exceptional exposure, confers all the typicity, elegance and finesse to Château Rouget wines.

### Harvests:

- Grapes are manually picked and carefully transported in small 20 kg crates.
- Harvest occurs in several steps, in order to secure an optimal maturity level.
- Bunches are sorted a first time as soon as they arrive in the cellar.
- Then, once the grapes are fully destemmed, they go through another double sorting table.

### Winemaking and Ageing:

- Alcohol 14.5+%
- Vinification: 30% barrel fermentation, 70% oak vats
- Ageing: 30% new barrels

### 2020 Vintage:

Despite a winter with cumulated rainfall largely above average value (650mm in 2020 vs. 430mm in average), the budburst started quite early in the end of March. During the first half of April, the summer-like temperatures, between 22 and 26 degrees Celsius, activated the growth of the vine. In mid-May, most of the plots were at the flowering stage. The harvests started very early, on September 15th, 2020 and ended a fortnight later. The wines are velvety and fruity, and have a beautiful concentration, with tension and a lot of freshness.

### Tasting Notes:

The depth of the ruby red colour indicates an wide and generous wine. At first, the bouquet is all about black fruits and opens out on very soft and sweet spices. The freshness of the mouth and the finesse of the tannins make the wine very silky, and the crunchy mouth in the middle will be quite surprising. It is a lively wine that will reveal itself a little bit more every time you'll taste it.



**James Suckling**  
**96 Points**

*Lots of black olive with dark fruit and sandalwood on the nose. Full-bodied with layers of velvety and soft tannins, yet they stay vibrant and focused.*

*Very integrated palate. Flavorful at the end. Drink after 2026.*

*Also: Jeb Dunnock-91+ Pts, Vinous-92-94 Pts,  
Wine Advocate-92 Pts, Wine Cellar Insider-92-94 Pts.*