

2021 CHÂTEAU TROTANOY 100% MERLOT - POMEROL

This famous growth, whose soil was too hard to work and thus called "trop anoi" (too annoying) in medieval French, is located on one of the most beautiful parts of the plateau of Pomerol and was purchased in 1953 by Ets. Jean-Pierre MOUEIX.



Vineyard size: 17.8 acres
Avg age: 35 years
Soil Types: Gravel on clay and black clay on iron pan
Viticulture: Certified HVE 3 « Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest: Manual harvest. Double sorting: manual and optical
Harvest dates: September 27th to October 4th 2021
Winemaking: In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats. Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction
Aging: 16-18 months in French oak barrels (50% new)

History:

Purchased by Jean-Pierre Moueix in 1953, Château Trotanoy has been considered one of the premier crus of Pomerol since the end of the eighteenth century. The soil of Château Trotanoy is a very dense mixture of clay and gravel which tends to solidify as it dries out after rain to an almost concrete-like hardness, hence the name "Trotanoy," or, in other words, "too wearisome" to cultivate. The Trotanoy vineyard slopes gently to the west. The soil at the highest point of exposure contains a good proportion of gravel, becoming progressively more dominated by clay as the elevation declines. Under this clay is a subsoil of red gravel and an impermeable layer of hard, iron-rich soil known as "crasse de fer." This fascinating soil diversity brings power, depth and complexity to the wine. Trotanoy is vinified in small concrete vats, while maturation takes place in mainly new oak barrels.

2021 Vintage: The 2021 vintage demanded careful attention throughout the year, but the challenge united the vigneronnes and vignerons who produced, thanks to their efforts, a crop of good quality. Fastidious vineyard work, a gentle approach in the cellar, attention to detail and judicious decision-making were key in producing charming, delicate, elegant wines.

JAMES SUCKLING - 96 POINTS

Plum, chocolate, hazelnut and iodine aromas follow through to a medium body with firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Hints of toasted oak and chocolate to the fruit on the palate. Balanced and classy. Seriously pretty. Trot personality. Give this three or four years to open and show more. Drink after 2025.

WINE ENTHUSIAST - 96 POINTS & CELLAR SELECTION

Fresh aromas of blackberries are an enticing entry into a wine with ripe tannins. Clay with iron in the soil gives an important structure and layers of black currant fruits along with tannins. This is a big wine worth aging..

DECANTER - 96 POINTS

Perfumed and vivid nose. Supple and alive, plump yet streamlined, too - the initial bounce of round, ripe fruit straightens and focuses like a laser with cool blue fruits and menthol touches supported by the grippy, salty tannins that keep the mouth full of texture. A serious wine yet nuanced, pure and fresh. Perhaps not the weight you'd usually expect, but this has total charm and really delivers an enjoyable, cellarable wine.

WINE ADVOCATE - 94+ POINTS

Offering up aromas of dark cherries, plums and berries mingled with sweet soil tones, licorice and espresso roast, it's medium to full-bodied, with a broad attack, a creamy core of fruit and sweet, powdery tannins that only gently assert themselves on the finish.

Also: The Wine Cellar Insider-96 Pts, Jeb Dunnock-94 Pts, Wine Spectator-93 Pts, Vinous-92-94 Pts.

