



## Château Julia AOC Pauillac - 2019

**Winemaker:** Sophie Martin

**AOC:** Pauillac

**Vintage:** 2019

**Vol:** 14 %

**RS:** 0 g/L

**S02:** 22 mg/L

**Total Production:** 4,112 bottles (0.62 ha)

**Grapes:** 80 % Merlot, 20 % Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vine Age:** 30 - 60 years

**Soils:** Sand and Gravel (Lieu dit Bages)

**Vegan:** No

**Allergens:** Albumin

**Closure:** Cork + Foil

**Drinking Window:** 5 - 15 years

**Ethos:** Lutte Raisonnée, Certified HVE

**Producer:** On the sandy Medoc plains around the village of Pauillac, down a dirt track road there are two small parcels making up about 30 rows of 60-year-old Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon vines planted by Sophie Martin's father and grandfather. They sold the grapes to local cooperatives until 2010, when neighbouring coop growers started selling their land to Lynch-Bages, Sophie decided to build a barn in her garden and buy winemaking equipment.

Her 0.62 hectares of Pauillac vines in the Bages lieu-dit produce around 3 - 4,000 bottles each vintage, making her the smallest Pauillac producer by a short mile and it's with celebration that I welcome her wines onto the UK market

**Viticulture and Vinification:** Manual harvest. Ageing 18 months in barriques, soutirage à l'esquive, collage in barriques. Bottled on the property on 21 May 2021. Low addition of sulfur throughout.

**Tasting:** A much fresher, more elegant Left-bank bordeaux, but retains the structure and grit of a Pauillac.

**Points/Reviews/Tasting:** Jancis Robinson (17.5)  
This is, quite simply, thrilling. The fruit has superb purity – it's lifted, lilting, fluid, filling every corner with intention. At the same time, it has structural poise, haute couture, fine gravel-chiselled tannins with the cool minerality of rain-wet stones. Complex and tense. Quintessentially Pauillac. The quiddity of the terroir but utterly without conceit. Chapeau!  
**Good Value** (TC)



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