



# CHATEAU L'ARCHANGE

Saint-Emilion

2002



Our resurrection of this tiny Saint-Emilion vineyard, Château L'ARCHANGE, was consecrated with the 2000 vintages. "Archange" means "archangel", and Pascal Chatonnet was responsible for bringing this fine wine to the baptismal font under the watchful eye of a host of angels serving as messengers between God and man.

Pascal Chatonnet chose the archangel Raphael to represent the 2002 vintage. The most important reference to the archangel Raphael is unquestionably to be found in the Bible. The Book of Tobias recounts how Raphael became a sort of prototype for guardian angels thanks to his protection of Tobias. In this narrative, Raphael also teaches Tobias how to use the heart, liver and bile of big fish from the Tigris as medicine ( in the broadest sense of the word, not only to cure physical ills, but also to subdue evil spirits). Raphael is cited as the protector of the evening winds, the Guardian of the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, Angel of Repentance, Angel of the Prayer, Angel of Love, and Angel of Joy and Light. However, Raphael is above all the Angel of Healing, Science, Knowledge and Providence, who watches over all of humanity. His name means "Divine Healer" or "God's Healer". All healing comes from him and, as Messenger of Divine Providence, he guides those searching for unity with the Godhead. He is the essential, definitive healer of all evil. In other words, he helps us return to the source of all that is holy. He saves our bodies, minds, and hearts, and eases our suffering. Reflecting Raphael's image, we hope you find 2002 Château l'Archange to be an elixir delivering you from evil and providing a wonderful sense of well being !

## REVIEWS FROM THE WINE PRESS :

**WEINWISSER - René Gabriel - Suisse - 2002 l'Archange : 17/20**

*"Deep garnet-red with a ruby-red rim. Generous bouquet of stewed fruit. Very creamy with hints of berry. Quite subtle and charming on the palate. Flavours reminiscent of fruit marinated in rum and black cherry with a certain amount of toastiness. Very concentrated with slightly dry tannin, but warm, enveloping fruit. A magnificent wine. Best enjoyed 2009-2022."*

**CARNETS DE DÉGUSTATION Bettane & Desseauve - France**

**Bordeaux Primeurs 2002 : l'Archange 2002 = 14,75/20**

*"I tasted 2002 Chateau l'Archange three times, and every time it seemed more interesting to me than the 2001 at the same stage. I especially felt that it had more concentration. It is deeply coloured and rather aromatic for the vintage. Lovely mouth feel with attractive creamy flavours and rich, round tannin on the palate. A success."*

**WINE SPECTATOR - James Suckling - USA - Bordeaux 2002**

**Tasting Notes : l'Archange 2002 : 85-89.**

*"Attractive raspberry, tobacco, and cedar aromas. Well-balanced with very good tannin and a long aftertaste. A very robust wine for the vintage. Nearly 89-91."*

**VINO MAGAZINE - Belgique : The best Bordeaux Primeurs 2002**

Tasting notes by Bernard Sirot, Louis Havaux and Abi Dhur.

Saint-Emilion (9 wines tasted). **VERY GOOD** : L'Archange 2002.

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### *FACT SHEET*

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| <i>AREA UNDER VINE :</i>          | 1,12 hectares  |
| <i>SUN EXPOSURE :</i>             | Nord-south   |
| <i>TERROIR :</i>                  | Siliceous-clay with a clay and pure molasse subsoil on sandy Saint-Emilion glais. This vineyard was drained and reshaped.  |
| <i>GRAPE VARIETIES :</i>          | 100% Merlot.   |
| <i>AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES :</i> | 22 years old   |
| <i>ROOT STOCK :</i>               | 3309C and 101-14 MG  |
| <i>VITICULTURE :</i>              | Traditional  |
| <i>HARVESTING :</i>               | Picked at optimum ripeness.  |
| <i>FERMENTATION :</i>             | Fermented separately using state-of-the-art techniques, but fully in keeping with Bordeaux traditions.   |
| <i>AGEING :</i>                   | 18 months in oak barrels in an underground cellar specially designed for ageing fine wine.   |
| <i>YIELD :</i>                    | 45 hectolitres per hectare.  |
| <i>PRODUCTION :</i>               | 416 cases in 2002  |
| <i>SALES :</i>                    | Sold via the Bordeaux wine trade and to private customers.   |
| <i>TOURS :</i>                    | Opening times : 9:00 - 12:00 and 14:00 - 18:00   |
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