

# 2014 Chateau Serilhan product-pdf - Saint-Estephe - Gorgeously Textured Bordeaux, WA 91pts and 50%

## Why We're Drinking It

Those working to get into Bordeaux, but still firmly attached to the plush, bold styles of Napa Cabs will find this Château Serilhan their gateway to France. And who doesn't need a gateway to France? A little nudge to the old world to pull you into a full tailspin of magnanimous, terroir-driven bottlings that change your whole view on wine. Ok, perhaps that's a bit extreme, but we want you to explore! Get out of your comfort zone! Take a friendly jab of something different yet still reminiscent of what you may know and love. It's fun!

And if you already love Bordeaux, well then just hit Add to Cart and be on your merry way because at \$25, it's a super deal!

Now then, rambling aside, this wine is all about texture. Saint-Estèphe has that extreme cool climate influence being in the northeastern part of Haut-Médoc (left bank for the newbs) where the result of this 2014 vintage is brilliant, lush, yet perfectly elegant. It glides across the palate with a finesse of blue and purple fruits, just the right amount of toasty French oak and a cinnamon-spice, nutmeg, allspice thing going on to perk up those raspberries, blueberries and black cherries. YUMMM-Y.

50% off AND 91pts from Wine Advocate who quipped, "Bravo -- what a gorgeous Serilhan you are!" Grab it by the case, enjoy some now and tuck a few away in your cellar to savor in a few years.

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## Tasting Notes

Textured with lovely finesse of blue and purple fruits, just the right amount of toasty French oak and a cinnamon-spice note to perk up the fruit. Fine tannins, silky yet poised.

### VARIETAL

Bordeaux Blend

### APPELLATION

Saint-Estephe, Bordeaux

### ALCOHOL

13.00

### SIZE

750ml

### BLEND

Bordeaux Blend

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## The Story to Know

St. Estephe is the age-worthy and reliable source for Bordeaux reds. Separated from Pauillac by a stream, St. Estephe is the farthest northwest of the highest classed villages of the Haut Medoc and is subject to the most intense maritime influence of the Atlantic.

St. Estephe soils are rich in gravel like all of the best sites of the Haut Medoc but here the formation of gravel over clay creates a cooler atmosphere for its vines compared to those in the villages farther downstream. This results in delayed ripening and wines with higher acidity compared to the other villages.

While they can seem a bit austere when young, St. Estephe reds prove to live very long in the cellar. While dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, many producers now add a significant proportion of Merlot to the blend, which will soften any sharp edges of the more tannic, Cabernet.

The St. Estephe village contains two second growths, Chateau Montrose and Cos d'Estournel.

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## Ratings

**91pts, Robert Parker Wine Advocate**

*The 2014 Serilhan has a modern sheen on the nose -- some quality new oak here but it is nicely integrated with the sweet black cherry and raspberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannin, clean and pure, almost*

*Burgundy-like in terms of its silky texture with a plush but poised landing on the finish. Bravo -- what a gorgeous Serilhan you are! Tasted September 2016.*

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