

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Surface area 30 hectares (74 acres)

Location South-facing slope of Saint-Émilion,

on the famous "foot of the slope"

Soils Clay-limestone

Density of plantation 6,500 to 8,500 vines per hectare

depending on the soil characteristics

Grape composition 53% Merlot,

46% Cabernet Franc,

1% Petit Verdot

Average age of the vines 39 years

Pruning Respectful of the flow of the sap, adapted to the vigour

of the grape variety and to the soil-type

Harvesting Picking date according to berry sampling

for optimal ripeness

Vinifications In oak and stainless steel vats for the Merlot,

in concrete vats for the Cabernet Franc

- A cold soak at 8°C for some vats,

depending on the characteristics of the grapes,

for 4 days to one week

- Temperature of alcoholic fermentation up to 28°C

- Post-fermentation maceration at 28 to 30°C.

for 1 to 3 weeks

Barrel-filling As the wine is run off the skin

Ageing 22 months
- in new fine-grain French oak barrels with medium char

for the Merlot and a part for the Cabernet Franc, - in 30hl foudres for some of the Cabernet Franc, selected for the especially subtle character

of its aromas.

Totale surface area 85 ha (210 acres),

including 55 hectares in Saint-Emilion

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