

CHATEAU  
**Canon-la-Gaffelière**

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

AOC SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU

Organic Certified by FR-BIO-10.

**Vineyard**

**Terroir:** Clay-limestone, clay-sand at the foot of the slope.

**Vineyard area currently in production:** 19.5 hectares (48 acres)

**Grape varieties:** 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Average age of the vines:** 50 years

**Winemaking**

**Harvesting:** By hand, into small crates to avoid bruising.

Sorting before and after destemming.

No crushing. The grapes arrive on a conveyor belt.

**Fermentation:** In temperature-controlled wooden vats for 28-35 days depending on the vintage.

Extraction by pneumatic pigeage (punching down the cap).

**Malolactic fermentation and ageing:** In new oak barrels (up to 80%) on fine lees.

Fining and filtering as necessary, depending on the vintage.

**Duration of barrel ageing:** 15-18 months depending on the vintage.

**Sales**

Via the Bordeaux wine trade.



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**2015 VINTAGE**

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Harvest dates

19/09 to 06/10/2014

Yield

37 hl/ha

Vatting

In wooden vats for 30 days. Extraction by pneumatic pigeage (punching down the cap)

Ageing

In new oak barrels (55%) on fine lees

Blend

55% Merlot

38% Cabernet Franc

7% Cabernet Sauvignon



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**Revue de Presse / Press Review**  
**Primeurs 2015**

**Wine Spectator – April 2016**

**94 – 97 (Blind tasted)**

Dark and winery, with currant paste and fig notes backed by slightly briary grip and an ample dose of toast. There's good energy here and nice vivacity, despite the darker profile today, and this should easily round into form after the élevage. (James Molesworth)

**Vinous – April 2016**

**95 – 97**

The 2015 Canon La Gaffelière is seriously impressive. Like all of Stephan von Neipperg's wines in this vintage, the Canon La Gaffelière is endowed with considerable richness and a sense of vertical structure. The significant presence of Cabernet Franc gives the wine striking aromatic lift, which it very much needs. Mocha, red cherry jam and sweet floral notes give the 2015 its soaring perfume. This exceptionally beautiful Saint-Émilion is going to need time to fully come together, but it is super-impressive, even in the early going. The 2015 has been nothing short of magnificent on the two occasions I have tasted it so far. The presence of Cabernet Franc is felt in the wine's strong aromatic signature. (Antonio Galloni)

**René Gabriel – [www.bxtotal.com](http://www.bxtotal.com) – April 2016**

**19/20**

55 % Merlot, 38 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 7 % Cabernet Franc. 39 hl/ha. Sattes Purpur-Granat. Es ist vielleicht doof zu schreiben, dass ein Wein in erster Linie nach kaltem Schwarztee duftet, aber, wenn man den besten seiner Klasse meint, dann kann es keine Beleidigung sein. Im zweiten Ansatz; Lakritze, Vanillemark, Korinthen und eine reife Frucht, welche sich aber nicht in eine unbändige Süsse hineinsteigert, auf alle Fälle kann man hier von vollreifen Beeren sprechen. Im Gaumen gross, legendäre Tannine, die dem Körper eine mächtige Körperstatur verleihen, nachhaltiges, minutenlanges Finale. 2024 – 2042



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**Bettane & Desseauve – Avril 2016**

**18 - 18.5/20**

Très belle fraîcheur aromatique, distinction fruit rouge, grande élégance de tannin, maturité et fraîcheur, aucune lourdeur, aristocratique et profond, superbe. 55 % merlot, 7 % sauvignon, 38 % franc.

**Terre de Vins – Mai-Juin 2016**

**18/20 – Coup de cœur**

Toujours plus de précision et jamais de superflu à Canon La Gaffelière. Muscles saillants, le vin se signale par sa matière dense et tranchante comme une épée. Un fruit parfaitement al dente, de la mâche, une finale racée. Un vin sans concession, doté d'un grand potentiel de garde.



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