

# CHÂTEAU FOMBRAUGE

First harvest in 1599

The estate goes back to the 16th century, which makes it one of the oldest châteaux in the Saint Emilion region. The beautiful 17th century old country manor was originally the cloister of the town's Carthusian Monastery. Owned by Jacques de Canolle in 1466, the estate later belonged to the Dumas de Fombrauge family, who implemented the first quality winemaking in the estate in the 18th century.

**Appellation :** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**Location :** Saint Christophe des Bardes, St-Etienne de Lisse et St-Hippolyte.

**Surface area :** 58 hectares

**Grape varieties planted :** 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

**Age of the vines :** 37 years

**Planting density :** 6,600 vines per hectare

**Soil type :** Clay and limestone with Agen and Fronsac molasses.

**Vineyard management :**

- Parcel based management (grass covering, ploughing),
- 1<sup>st</sup> thinning out of the leaves in July,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> thinning out of the leaves in September,
- HVE3 (High Environmental Value Level 3), SME and ISO 14001 certifications.



**Winemaking :**

- Parcel selection per terroir, grape variety and age of the vines,
- Selection inside the parcels thanks to relevant information on maturity and vine strength provided by the drone,
- Harvest in small crates,
- Sorting on a table before and after destemming by 20 qualified people,
- Vatting in small capacity wooden tanks (70 hectoliters) by gravity flow,
- Pre-fermentation maceration for 4-8 days at 8°C,
- Manual punching down,
- Maceration for 28-32 days for the Merlot, 26-28 days for the Cabernet,
- Aging for 16 months in 35% new oak barrels, 65% one year-old barrels.

**Bottling :** Spring 2022

**Harvest dates :** from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Consultant oenologist :** Michel Rolland

2020 BLEND

96% Merlot  
4% Cabernet Franc



*Bernard Magrez*

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