



# 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.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Appellation:** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**Location:** Saint Christophe des Bardes

**Area under vines:** 58 hectares

**Grape varieties planted:** 89% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Age of the vines:** 36 years

**Planting density:** 6,500 vines per hectare

**Soil:** clay and limestone with Fronsac molasses

### Vineyard management:

- Parcel based management (grass covering, ploughing)
- Shoot removal at beginning of June
- 1st thinning out of the leaves in July
- 2nd thinning out of the leaves in September

**Bottling :** June 2018

### 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 18 months in 45% new oak barrels, 45% one year-old barrels, 10% in state-of-the-art cement tank

**Average yields:** 46 hl per hectare

### Harvest dates :

Merlot : September 30th - October 21st 2016  
 Cabernets : October 21st and 22nd 2016  
 Malbec : October 7th 2016

**Consulting enologist :** Michel Rolland



### 2016 BLEND

93% Merlot  
 7% Cabernet Franc



The signature «Bernard Magrez» provides the garanty from a great owner who's been involved for 40 years, giving his energy and determination for the quality of his wines. This signature is also substained by a national and international media campaign which makes Bernard Magrez the first wine advertiser in France.



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