

# château **La Gaffelière**



SAINT-EMILION

Owned by the Malet Roquefort family since 1705, the château nestles in the golden triangle of Saint-Émilion. A historic Grand Cru, La Gaffelière has stood out for decades for its timeless style, precise and always elegant.



### VINEYARD

Area: 22 hectares

Soil: Limestone plateau, clay-limestone hillsides, silicious at the slopes

Plantings: 65% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc Certified High Environmental Value (HEV)

# VITICULTURE

Agroecology
Pruning in single and double guyot
Grass covering of plots
Leaf removal and green harvest
Hand picked harvest into small crates

# VINIFICATION

The grapes are kept for 12 hours in a cold room at  $7^{\circ}$ C before going through the optical sorter

Plot-by-plot vinification in stainless-steel temperature-controlled tanks Cold pre-fermentation (8-10°C) and warm post-fermentation (30°C) Alcoholic fermentation with pumping over and cap-punching Malolactic fermentation in vats (75%) and barrels (25%) Vatting: 28-30 days

## **AGEING**

60% in new barrels (including 15 % of 400 and 500L barrels) 2% amphoras TAVA

## DATES OF HARVEST & YIELD

Merlot: From September 24 to October 7

Cabernet Franc: From September 30 to October 8

Yield: 42hl/ha

#### BLEND

60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc

#### ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS

13.5% vol, 3.3 AT, 3.55pH

### VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

After a slightly later flowering than in 2023, by 7 to 10 days, and a summer marked by alternating rainy spells and intense heat, the harvest began in mid-September for the earliest terroirs.

The Merlots display beautiful maturity, balanced with a lot of freshness, while the Cabernet Francs are floral, delicate, and exhibit a remarkable complexity.

