

2011  
CHATEAU  
**GRAND CORBIN-DESPAGNE**  
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ  
SAINT-EMILION



*Consorts Despaigne*  
PROPRIÉTAIRE À SAINT-EMILION

## Millésime 2011

### 200<sup>th</sup> Despaigne's family vintage

#### Haversting period :

- 15/09/11 for the Merlot
- 26/09/11 for the Cabernet

#### Blending 2011 :

- 70% Merlot
- 29% Cabernet-Franc
- 1% Cabernet-Sauvignon

#### Ageing :

- 50% new barrels
- 50% one and two years old barrels

**Yield:** 38 hl/ha

**2011 production :** 70 000 bottles

## Technical data

### Family run estate since 1812

**Location:** in the north of the Saint-Emilion appellation, adjacent to Pomerol

**Appellation:** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**Classification:** Great Classified Growth

**Surface area:** 26.8 hectares (66.2 acres)

**Terroir:** clay-sand over iron deposits and ancient sands over clay

**Average age of the vineyard:** 38 years

**Rootstocks:** 101-14, 3309, Riparia

**Density of vine plantation:** 6,000 to 7,000 vines per hectare

**Vineyard practices:** ploughing or grass seeding between rows without using any weedkillers, the vineyard is AFAQ-AFNOR certified and follows the principles of integrated crop management. It is converted to organic viticulture since 2010.

**Canopy management practices:** de-budding, removal of double buds, de-leafings, crop thinning, de-suckering (lateral shoots)

**Harvesting:** manual with 7 consecutive sortings

**Average yield:** 38 to 42 hl/ha

**Vinification:** different techniques which vary according to the parcel batches and the vintage: numerous short pump-overs, rack and return (delestage), punching down of the cap of skins

**Bottling:** 21 months after the harvest

**Annual production:** 70,000 to 100,000 bottles depending on the vintage

**Second wine:** Petit Corbin-Despaigne

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