

50



years after... the 2019 vintage

CHÂTEAU
LA DOMINIQUE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
SAINT-ÉMILION



2019: a rare, high-tension vintage

2019 was a historic year for the Fayat family vineyards, as we celebrated two anniversaries: the 50th harvest anniversary of Château La Dominique, and the 10th anniversary of Château Fayat.

Each harvest represents a new challenge and a new story. “High tension” was the common thread of the 2019 harvest.

In autumn 2018, the tone would be set for a year full of intense emotion.

In the month of October, we suffered from a lack of rain; in November and December, rainfall records were broken. November will be remembered as the second wettest month since 1970.

January turned out to be cool and wet. February and March were quite the opposite, with days that were uncommonly dry and hot. Nature prevailed, and we had an early flowering. The anxiety on our faces was apparent. Tension was palpable. On April 4th and 14th as well as on May 5th and 6th, the temperature hovered around 0°C. Some of the land parcels at Château La Dominique were lightly damaged by frost.

Tenacity and determination were the bywords regarding our state of mind as we dealt with the turmoil of spring and summer. Abundant rainfall in April and May’s chill put our nerves to the test, but our continuous attention was rewarded: we managed to control mildew and the vines flowered quickly and uniformly. The reward for all our efforts!

Summer arrived, and with it a succession of heat waves. Faced with extraordinary conditions (maximum heat reached 39.8°C on July 23rd), the teams adjusted their technical plan: more severe pruning, limited sodding, thinning the vines. The work was exacting, specifically targeted to obtain the results we had in mind: an elegant nectar with tension and a fruit aroma.

September: the final stretch. Tensions remained high until the last grape had been harvested. September 18th: the first harvest. The grapes were picked under a radiant sky. Then the arrival of a low-pressure system caused a redemptive decrease in the potential alcohol content and allowed the Cabernets to reach their optimal ripeness.

In our vats, we were amazed to discover two types of musts: the first concentrated, solar, heady; the second fresh, with greater tension. A rich aromatic palette, which guaranteed the quality of future blends. In the winery, no interventionism: the fine, strong tannins did not require extraction. It was important to develop elegance rather than power.

An outstanding cuvée that took a great deal of determination to produce a wonderful 2019 vintage.



GROWING CYCLE

Bud-burst: March 29th
 Flowering: June 3rd
 Veraison: August 5th

HARVEST DATES

Merlot: September 18th - 30th
 Cabernet Franc: October 3rd & 4th
 Cabernet Sauvignon: October 4th

PRODUCTION AREA

24 ha

Château La Dominique

AVERAGE YIELD

47 hL/ha

ALCOHOL DEGREE

15°

PH

3,70

% CHATEAU LA DOMINIQUE

60 %

Relais de La Dominique

AVERAGE YIELD

49 hL/ha

ALCOHOL DEGREE

14°

PH

3,65

% RELAIS DE LA DOMINIQUE

40 %

2019 BLEND

85% Merlot - 13% Cabernet Franc -
 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

2019 BLEND

100% Merlot



Château Fayat

GROWING CYCLE

Bud-burst: April 2nd
 Flowering: June 4th
 Veraison: August 5th

HARVEST DATES

Merlot: September 18th - October 3rd
 Cabernet Franc: October 4th

PRODUCTION AREA

11 ha

AVERAGE YIELD

32 hL/ha

ALCOHOL DEGREE

14,5°

pH

3,80

2019 BLEND

100% Merlot

Château Clément-Pichon

GROWING CYCLE

Bud-burst: April 2nd
 Flowering: June 2nd
 Veraison: August 8th

HARVEST DATES

Merlot: September 26th - October 3rd
 Cabernet Franc: October 7th
 Cabernet Sauvignon: October 7th - October 10th

PRODUCTION AREA

34 ha

AVERAGE YIELD

39 hL/ha

ALCOHOL DEGREE

13°

pH

3,80

2019 BLEND

73% Merlot - 2% Cabernet Sauvignon -
 25% Cabernet Franc