ARGELUS

CHÂTEAU ANGÉLUS

Saint-Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé « A »

Surface area	27 hectares (66 acres)
Location	South-facing slope of Saint-Emilion, on the famous "foot of the slope
Soils	Clay-limestone on the upper part; clay, sand and limestone as the slope goes down
Density of plantation	6,500 to 8,500 vines per hectare depending on the soil characteristics
Grape composition	53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
Average age of the vines	38 years
Pruning	Mostly Double Guyot "Bordelaise", adapted according to the age, vigour and structure of each vine, carefully respecting the flow of the sap.
Winemaker and Œnologist	Hubert de Boüard de Laforest
Vinifications	in oak and stainless steel vats for the Merlot, in concrete vats for the Cabernet Franc - A cold soak at 8°C for some vats, depending on the characteristics of the grapes, for 4 days to one week - Temperature of alcoholic fermentation up to 28°C - Post-fermentation maceration at 28 to 30°C, for 1 to 3 weeks
Barrel-filling	as the wine is run off the skins
Ageing	from 20 to 22 months - in new fine grain French oak barrels with medium char for the Merlot and a part for the Cabernet Franc; - in 30hl foudres for some of the Cabernet Franc, selected for the especially subtle character of its aromas

Total surface area	49 hectares (121 acres)
General Managers	Stéphanie de Boüard-Rivoal
Winemaker and Œnologist	Hubert de Boüard de Laforest
Technical Manager and Œnologist	Emmanuelle d'Aligny-Fulchi