

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Surface area 32 hectares (79 acres)

Location South-facing slope of Saint-Émilion,

on the famous "foot of the slope"

Soils Clay-limestone

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 39 years

Pruning Respectful of the flow of the sap, adapted to the vigour

of the grape variety and to the soil-type

Harvesting Picking date according to berry sampling

for optimal ripeness

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 skin

Ageing 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.

Totale surface area Winemaker and Oenologist 131 ha (324 acres), including 62 hectares in Saint-Emilion Hubert de Boüard de Laforest