



Château VILLEMAURINE

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

2019 VINTAGE



APPELLATION : Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

VINTAGE : 2019

OWNER : Family LEFEVERE

CONSULTANT OENOLOGIST : Hubert de Bouard

VINEYARD : Locality : The Saint-Émilion plateau
Vineyard area : 7 ha
Area in production : 6ha
Soil type : Clay-limestone over asteria limestone

VINEYARD GRAPE COMPOSITION : Merlot : 80 %
Cabernet Franc : 20 %

BLEND IN WINE : Merlot : 80 %
Cabernet Franc : 20 %

AVERAGE AGE OF WINES : 35 years

PRUNNING SYSTEM : Double Guyot

HARVESTING DATES : Merlot : 18th september to 2nd
october - Cabernet Franc : 5th october

HARVESTING TECHNIQUES: Hand-picking using small
crates, double vibrating sorting table, manual and mechanical
sorting, gravity flow vat filling.

YIELD: 39 hl/ha

AGEING : 80 % new barrels, 20 % second-fill barrels

GROWING SEASON WEATHER

Fine weather then set in as from the last week of June and lasted right up till the harvest.

The beginning of July set the scene for a hot, dry, settled summer with a high degree of water stress in the vines and a few short beneficial rain showers.

Our clay-limestone soils did a magnificent job in regulating the supply of moisture to the vine roots.

The wide diurnal temperature swing between day and night has favored the aromatic expression in our grapes and the preservation of freshness of fruit character.

The crop was evenly ripe, and the harvest took place in good weather conditions. The berries were concentrated and had thick skins; they were deep-coloured with very good balances.

The vineyard was picked plot by plot as soon as the grapes were ripe, and the results immediately showed excellent quality potential for the 2019 vintage!

VINIFICATION

The musts very quickly gained fruit expression, structure and deep colour.

After long post-fermentation macerations, the malo-lactic fermentation was done in barrel. Very quickly, the wines displayed good flesh, volume, and gentle tannic power.

The ageing process in barrel lasted 16 months.

THE CELLAR MASTER'S VIEW

Château Villemaurine exhibits lovely fruit aromatics with fine saline and mineral aromas, expression of the limestone of its terroir. The wine's structure is firm, possesses great precision and wonderfully smooth tannins.

This 2019 vintage could be summed up in three words: freshness, concentration and finesse

