

CHATEAU  
**SANSONNET**  
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ  
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

## 2019 VINTAGE



**APPELLATION :** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

**VINTAGE :** 2019

**OWNER :** Famille LEFEVERE

**VINEYARD :**

Locality : Saint-Emilion

Vineyard area : 6.96 ha

Area in production : 6ha

Soil type : clay on limestone on the plateau of Saint-Emilion.

**VINEYARD GRAPE COMPOSITION :** Merlot : 85 %  
Cabernet Franc : 8 %  
Cabernet Sauvignon : 7 %

**BLEND IN WINE :** Merlot : 90 %  
Cabernet Franc : 3 %  
Cabernet Sauvignon : 7 %

**AVERAGE AGE OF WINES :** 35 years

**PRUNNING SYSTEM :** Double Guyot

**CULTURAL METHODS :**

- Tilled soils.
- All the tasks during the green period are hand made (disbudding, thinning out the leaves).
- Responsible use of phytosanitary products in an environmental protection approach.
- Engaged in an environmental management system and HVE3 certified

**HARVESTING TECHNIQUES :** Selection by gravity and densimetric sorting, Cold pre-fermentation maceration, Pigeage and Malolactic fermentation in barrel.

**HARVESTING DATES :** : 100% by hand the 19th and 20th of September (young vines of Merlot), 26th and 30th of September, then from the 4th to the 10th of October (Merlot), 14th of October (Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon).

**YIELD :** 33 hl/ha

**AGEING :** Barrels of 500 L, Wooden casks and 70% in new French oak barrels during 16 months.

## 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!

## THE ESTATE

Château Sansonnet is situated on the highest point of the exceptional clay limestone plateau of Saint Emilion. The vineyard is 7 hectares (17 acres) in one unique holding that adjacent to classified great growth vineyards.

In 2012, Château Sansonnet joined the tight circle of Saint-Emilion's Grands Crus Classés.

The distinction was a reward for constant, hard and close work carried out on the vines with continuous concern for quality.

Important qualitative work has been carried out in the vineyard : new plantation, pulling up, trellising, grassing over. When necessary, leaf thinning and green harvesting help to control maturity and yields.

The grapes are hand harvested in small cartons at optimum maturity. They are meticulously sorted out (two sorting tables including one vibrating and a Tribaie®).

We use a "parcel selection" which separates out old vines and the young ones as well as the Merlot, the Cabernet Franc and the Cabernet Sauvignon grape varieties.

Our wine consultant is Jean-Philippe FORT

