

CHÂTEAU  
**SOUTARD-CADET**  
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

## 2021 VINTAGE



**APPELLATION :** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**VINTAGE :** 2021

**OWNER :** Famille LEFEVERE

**VINEYARD :**

Locality : Saint-Emilion

Vineyard area : 2.70 ha

Soil type : Clay-limestone over the plateau of Saint Emilion

**VINEYARD GRAPE COMPOSITION :** Merlot : 85 %  
Cabernet Franc : 10 %  
Petit Verdot : 5%

**AVERAGE AGE OF WINES :** 40 years

**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 :** 100% by hand on the 5th of October for Merlots and on the 14th of October for Cabernets Francs and Petits Verdots.

**YIELD :** 12 hl/ha

**TYPE OF VATS :** temperature controlled stainless steel vats and 500 L barrels for integral vinification.

**WINE MAKING PROCESS :** Selection by gravity and densimetric sorting, Pigeage and Malolactic fermentation in barrel.

**AGEING :** During 16 months. 70% new French oak barrels (225 L, 300L and 500 L) - 30% in French oak barrels (one wine)

**BLEND IN WINE :** Merlot : 85 % - Cabernet Franc : 10 % - Petit Verdot : 5%

**POTENTIAL ALCOHOL :** 13% Vol

**ESTIMATED PRODUCTION :** 4,000 bottles

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE

2021 was a challenging vintage for the winery.

The old vines were the ones who suffered the most, especially at the end of winter when the mineralization process of the organic matter was penalized by the dry conditions resulting in strong nitrogen deficiencies.

When at the end of May, just after flowering, the rains and thaw return, the vine regains its vigour and "explodes", which is not conducive to fertilization: Merlots get some coulure and yields are the lowest ever made on the property.

However, the very low yield observed on the vines favors the concentration of tannins and anthocyanins in berries.

The southern exposure and the perfect health state of vines until the harvest allowed us to harvest as accurately as possible and to optimize the balances.

## THE ESTATE

It is at the top of the hill of Cadet, on the limestone plateau of Saint Emilion, that the vineyard of the Château Soutard-Cadet matures its grapes.

This vineyard, standing of 2.70 ha of old vines, benefits from an exceptional soil of clay on limestone, typical of the great wines of the appellation.

Château Soutard-Cadet receives its first distinction in 1896 during the Exhibition of Marseille. Since then, wines of the estate have never betrayed the magnificent soil from which they arise.

In 2015, Château Soutard-Cadet joins the vineyards of the family Lefèvre beside Château Sansonnet and Château Moulin du Cadet, both Grands Crus Classés).

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