

SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

# 2021 VINTAGE



APPELLATION : Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

**VINTAGE :** 2021

**OWNER :** Famille LEFEVERE

VINEYARD : Locality : Saint-Emilion Vineyard area : 6.96 ha Soil type : Clay-limestone over the plateau of Saint Emilion

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

#### AVERAGE AGE OF WINES : 35 years

#### **CULTURAL METHODS :**

- Tilled soils.

- All the tasks during the green period are hand made (disbudding, thining out the leaves).

- Responsible use of phytosanitary products in an environmental protection approach.

- Engaged in an environmental management system and HVE3 certified

**HARVESTING DATES :** 100% by hand on the 1st of October (young vines of Merlot), on the 7th of October (Merlot), 14th of October (Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon).

YIELD: 31.5 hl/ha

**TYPE OF VATS :** temperature controlled stainless steel vats, wooden vats and vinification Intégrale

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

**AGEING :** Barrels of 500 L, 225L wooden casks and 80% in new French oak barrels during 16 months.

BLEND IN WINE : Merlot : 91 % - Cabernet Franc : 3 % Cabernet Sauvignon : 6 %

#### POTENTIAL ALCOHOL: 13.5% Vol

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION : 29,000 bottles of first wine

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SECOND WINE : Envol de Sansonnet

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage: a vintage of winemakers without a doubt but of terroir first and foremost!

Sansonnet is one of those properties whose soils and location (92m above sea level) protected the vines from the last episodes of frost.

Thanks to the work and efforts of a whole team, we were also able to deal with the numerous sanitary pressures caused by this vintage.

At Sansonnet, the Merlot coulure explains the moderate yields.

At the winery, we have precisely adapted the management of extractions. The ageing process will also be carefully and rigorously followed.

The 2021 Château Sansonnet vintage combines all the aromatic complexity and elegance of the limestone plateau's wines with the freshness and balance of the 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.

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

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.

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

#### Château SANSONNET

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