

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

## 2020 VINTAGE



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

**VINTAGE** : 2020

**OWNER** : Famille LEFEVERE

**VINEYARD** : Locality : Saint-Emilion

Vineyard area : 7 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, thinning 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 the 21st and 22nd of September (young vines of Merlot), 28th of September (Merlot), 1st of October (Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon).

**YIELD** : 36 hl/ha

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

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

**AGEING** : Barrels of 225L, 300L, Wooden casks, 2 amphoras and 80% new French oak barrels during 16 months.

**BLEND IN WINE** : Merlot : 95 % - Cabernet Franc : 2 %  
Cabernet Sauvignon : 3 %

**ALCOHOL** : 15% Vol

**PRODUCTION** : 22,000 bottles of first wine

**SECOND WINE** : Envol de Sansonnet

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage will undoubtedly mark the history of Sansonnet.

With sometimes extreme weather conditions (very mild winter, a tropical spring and a hot summer) as well as a health context disrupted by Covid-19, the 2020 vintage owes its success to the meticulous work of our technical team.

The Indian summer of September promotes a beautiful ripening of berries and the good development of anthocyanins while the thermal amplitudes between day and night allow to reach a good phenolic maturity and thus to guarantee the development of aromas.

Chateau Sansonnet presents a beautiful deep color, a bright and generous fruit, a nice balance and a very beautiful potential that confirm the success of the Merlots of the limestone plateau of Saint-Emilion.

## 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 is 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 cases 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

