

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

## 2020 VINTAGE



**APPELLATION :** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**VINTAGE :** 2020

**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 24th of September for Merlots and on the 1st of October for Cabernets Francs and Petits Verdots.

**YIELD :** 25 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%

**ALCOHOL :** 15% Vol

**ESTIMATED PRODUCTION :** 7000 bottles

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

With sometimes extreme weather conditions (very mild winter, a tropical spring and a hot summer) 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.

Petit Verdot is used for the first time in the blending of the first wine and brings depth to the mid-palate.

Château Soutard Cadet 2020 has an undeniable concentration, richness, with a heady, ripe, full and demonstrative profile. The palate is powerful and fleshy, with black fruit and spices . A nice chalky frame underlies the whole.

## THE ESTATE

This little gem planted with 2.70 ha of old vines, is located on the top of the hill of Cadet, on the clay-limestone plateau of Saint-Emilion. It benefits from an exceptional terroir, typical of the great wines of the appellation.

In order to protect the environment, the use of phytosanitary products is largely reasoned. By ploughing the soil, refusing to apply herbicides, and by planting a winter cereal cover crop in the rows, the soils are aerated, and life in the subsoil is encouraged to thrive. Harvesting is exclusively done by hand.

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

In 2017, the vineyard is certified High Environmental Value level 3.

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