

## Saint-Émilion

Surface area and soils 21 designated hectares (52 acres),

the plots of which are planted on 3 types of soils:

- one made up of cold, late-ripening clay,

- one made up of warmer clay, sand and limestone,

- one made up of faster-draining and earlier-ripening soils

Density of plantation 6,500 to 8,500 vines per hectare

depending on the soil characteristics

Grape composition 90% Merlot,

5% Cabernet Franc,

5% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Pruning** Respectful of the flow of the sap,

adapted to the vigour of the grape variety

and to the soil-type

Harvesting Picking date according to berry sampling

for optimal ripeness

Vinifications In inverted tronco-conical stainless steel vats.

Vat-filling and extraction using gravity-flow

- A cold soak at 8°C

- Temperature of alcoholic fermentation up to 28°C

- Post-fermentation maceration at 28 to 30°C,

for 1 to 3 weeks

Barrel-filling 50% as the wine is run off the skins

and 50% after the malo-lactic fermentation

Ageing 16 to 18 months in fine-grain French oak barrels

with medium char, of which 60% are new

and 40% second-fill barrels

Totale surface area 131 hectares (324 acres),

including 62 hectares in Saint-Émilion

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