

L'IF
2025
SAINT-EMILION

The winter was mild, warm, and relatively dry, leading to early budbreak about five days ahead of the average since 2000. April remained mild and dry, encouraging rapid vine growth despite heavy rainfall during the Easter weekend.

Spring conditions were generally favorable. May brought dry weather early in the month followed by some rainfall and warm temperatures, supporting vine development and successful flowering with minimal coulure. The crop set was balanced, producing small, compact clusters.

June began dry with gradually rising temperatures and a timely storm that provided modest rainfall. These conditions created moderate water stress, promoting early tannin development and contributing to structure in the wines.

July was extremely hot and dry, with very little rainfall. August started with a heatwave and strong day-night temperature variations, which enhanced ripeness, color development, and aromatic complexity. Toward the end of August, cooler temperatures and rainfall restored more typical Atlantic conditions, helping ripening progress smoothly.

September brought gentle rains and mild weather, ideal for the final stages of ripening. Harvest began early on September 11 and finished quickly on September 19.

The resulting wine is dense and structured, with ripe tannins, fresh acidity, and aromatic complexity—an elegant expression of the limestone soils of Saint-Émilion and a classic Bordeaux style.

Vital statistics

Soil: Clay-limestone plateau over limestone with starfish bedrock
Clay slopes over Agenais molasse
Clay-limestone slopes over Fronsadais molasse

Blend: 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc

Harvest date: Merlots picked on the 11th, 13th, 16th and 18th of September
Cabernet Franc picked on the 19th of September

Production: Approximately 15,000 bottles

Analytical data: Alcohol: 13.60% vol
Total Acidity: 3.95 g/L (H₂SO₄)
pH: 3.28

Vinification: Fermentation in concrete and stainless-steel vats.

Ageing: 12 to 16 months in French oak barrels, 50% new oak, 50% one-year-old barrels