

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



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Saint-Émilion, France

Vintage: 2015

Overview

Established in 1850, this tiny estate is situated on Saint-Émilion's limestone plateau, adjacent to Château Canon. Named after the neighboring church of Saint Martin, Clos St. Martin is today owned and managed by Sophie Fourcade, with Michel Rolland acting as consulting winemaker. At 1.33 hectares (3.28 acres), Clos St. Martin is the smallest classified Bordeaux wine in Saint-Émilion. The vineyard sits on clay and limestone soils, typical of the appellation's limestone plateau, and is planted 75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, with an average vine age of 35 years.

Winemaking

After being harvested by hand, the grapes undergo an eight-day pre-fermentation cold maceration at 8°C (46.5°F). Since 2008, the must is fermented in 100% new oak barrels for 48 days, before Malolactic fermentation takes place in 100% new oak barrels - the first four months of which is spent on the lees, stirred by hand twice a week. The wine is then aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 20 months. In most vintages, Clos St. Martin produces around 250 cases.