

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru



## THE ESTATE

**Situation:** northern plateau of Saint-Emilion **Soil:** mostly clay with some sandy surface deposits

**Grape varieties:** 92% Merlot - 8% Cabernet Franc

**Age of vines:** Merlot from 15 to 75 years (average 40 years) Cabernet Franc 45 years

## **PRODUCTION IN 2013**

**Surface area harvested:** 6 ha 30 **Grape varieties:** 92% Merlot - 8% Cabernet Franc

Harvesting: by hand using trays, with selection of fruit in the vineyard and then again by optic sorting system Harvest date: 8th and 9th October

## VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

**Pruning:** double guyot and mixed **Cultivation:** rational surface tilling of the soil and cultivation of grass between the rows **Management during vine growth:** debudding, 2 leaf removal and thinning out operations

WINEMAKING PROCESS & AGEING Winemaking process: traditional Alcoholic fermentation and vatting: in concrete vats with temperature control Vatting: from 3 to 4 weeks according to the plots

Malolactic fermentation: in barrels 65% new barrels, 35 one-year-old barrels Ageing period: 15 to 18 months ; depending plots

PRODUCTION / COMMERCIALISATION Yield 2013: 30 HL/ha Château La Fleur 2013: 25,000 bottles (estimate)