

CHATEAU des LAURETS

2015 PUISEGUIN SAINT-ÉMILION



VINTAGE 2015

2015 began with a very dry season that put the vines into hydric stress, stopping the veraison. Some rainfall in early August allowed the ripening process to carry on until harvest. September and October were rather sunny and dry, ideal for the grapes to reach their expected maturity.

THE STORY

Built circa 1860, the château features an octagonal tower overlooking the grounds. The vineyards are planted on south-facing slopes with limestone outcrops. The excellent clay-limestone soil gives this Merlot-based Saint-Émilion wine its distinctive taste. Baron Benjamin de Rothschild acquired this superb property in 2003, aiming from the beginning to achieve its fine potential.

THE VINEYARD

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION: Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

AREA: 40 ha / 36 ha for the main wine (98.84 acres / 88.96 acres)

SOILS: Limestone and clay

VINE DENSITY: 5,500 vines/ha (13,590 vines/acre)

VINE AGE: 25 years

VINE MANAGEMENT: Natural grass cover, double Guyot

HARVEST DATES: From September 30th to October 9th

HARVEST: Hand and mechanical picking with hand selection of the grapes (before and after destemming)

VINIFICATION

FERMENTATION: Cold soaking and fermentation in oak and stainless steel vats with automatic temperature-control. Post-fermentation micro-oxygenation during maceration and malolactic fermentation in oak and stainless steel vats.

AGING: 14 months, 30% in new barrels, 30% in second fill barrels and the rest in vats.

ALCOHOL: 14.5 %

AGING POTENTIAL: 10-15 years

TASTING NOTES

Deep, very clear, ruby-red color. Showing tremendous balance and freshness, the nose displays intense aromatic complexity with spicy nuances followed by hints of vanilla and red fruit (morello cherry). The wine reveals subtle, well-integrated oak on the palate, along with exquisite elegance and great length with refined tannin. The black fruit flavours are remarkably fresh.

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