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VINTAGE 2014

After a rather dry spring and beginning of summer, the ripening season became cool in July and quite rainy in August, increasing the mildew pressure in the region. September and October's weather was ideal. With long hot days, the grapes reached their optimum concentration and ripeness in time for the harvest.

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 finest potential.

THE VINEYARD

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 80% Merlot; 20% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION: Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

AREA: 40 ha (36 ha for the main wine)

SOILS: Limestone and clay

VINE DENSITY: 5,500 vines/ha

VINE AGE: 25 years

VINE MANAGEMENT: Natural grass cover, double Guyot

HARVEST DATES: From October 1 to 20

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.

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

ALCOHOL: 14.0 %

AGEING 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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