

CHÂTEAU DE PRESSAC

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ - SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

APPELLATION A.O.C. Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

HISTORY 1453: End of the Hundred Years' War

1997: Jean-François and Dominique Quenin purchased the estate

2012 : Grand Cru Classé

SOIL Limestone plateau with clay-limestone slopes and sandy-clay at the foot

AREA UNDER VINE 47 ha including 41 ha of vines

GRAPE VARIETIES 72 % Merlot - 16% Cabernet Franc - 7% Cabernet Sauvignon

1% Pressac (Malbec) - 2% Carmenère - 2% Petit Verdot

WINE DENSITY 5,500 - 8,000 vines/hectare

YIELD 35 - 40 hectolitres/hectare

VITICULTURE Plot-by-plot management - HEV 3 certification -

Tilling, double-Guyot pruning, bud pruning, leaf thinning,

removal of side shoots, bunch thinning

HARVEST Hand picking into small crates,

double sorting of grapes (with vibrating table and densimetric sorting),

complete destemming

VATTING Gravity-flow transfer, long maceration (3 to 4 weeks in concrete vats)

FERMENTATION Plot-by plot fermentation in temperature-controlled concrete vats.

Pre-fermentation maceration, pumping over,

rack-and-return pigeage (punching down the cap) if necessary.

Malolactic fermentation partly in new barrels

AGEING 20 months including 18 in barrel (50% new)

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A difficult spring (warm and wet) was followed by a splendid summer marked by hot, dry and sunny conditions. The beautiful autumn made it possible to precisely choose the harvest date. Limestone and clay-limestone soils (including at Château de Pressac) helped preserve freshness, necessary for even ripening. The result is a very fine Château de Pressac vintage.

HARVEST DATES:

FINAL BLEND:

Malbec : 27/09

Merlot: 24/09 to 10/10 Cabernet-Franc: 10 and 11/10 Cabernet-Sauvignon: 16/10

Carmenère: 16/10

Merlot: 70%

Cabernet-Franc: 15%
Cabernet-Sauvignon: 12%
Malbec (Noir de Pressac): 2%

Carmenère: 1%

2017

This vintage was sadly hit by a terrible episode of frost which destroyed a substantial part of the Saint-Émilion harvest. Château de Pressac was fortunately spared thanks to its high elevation. In the vineyards that did not freeze, flowering took place earlier than usual, as did véraison (colour change). The harvest began mid-September.

HARVEST DATES:

FINAL BLEND:

Malbec: 14/09 Merlot: 14/09 to 28/09 Cabernet-Franc: 27 and 28/09 Cabernet-Sauvignon: 04/10

Carmenère: 04/10

Merlot: 74,5% Cabernet-Franc: 16% Cabernet-Sauvignon: 7% Malbec (Noir de Pressac): 1%

Carmenère: 1,5%

2016

The 2016 vintage is one of the finest ever produced.

Flowering occurred later than usual. Despite the hot, dry summer, véraison (colour change) was also delayed. The harvest began early October under clear blue skies.

HARVEST DATES:

FINAL BLEND:

Malbec : 05/10

Merlot: 05/10 to 17/10 Cabernet-Franc: 18 and 19/10 Cabernet-Sauvignon: 24/10

Carmenère: 24/10

Merlot: 72%

Cabernet-Franc : 11% Cabernet-Sauvignon : 10% Malbec (Noir de Pressac) : 5%

Carmenère: 2%

2015 was a great vintage, especially for wines grown on the limestone and clay-limestone terroirs of Saint-Émilion. It benefited from quick, even flowering, a hot, dry summer, and a beautiful autumn.

HARVEST DATES:

Malbec: 21/09 Merlot: 21/09 to 08/10 Cabernet-Franc: 08 and 09/10 Cabernet-Sauvignon: 15/10

Carmenère : 15/10

FINAL BLEND:
Merlot: 76%

Cabernet-Franc: 9% Cabernet-Sauvignon: 12% Malbec (Noir de Pressac): 1,5%

Carmenère: 1,5%

Flowering took place very smoothly thanks to warm, dry conditions.
Then, after a cool, gloomy summer, the 2014 vintage was saved by glorious weather in late autumn, resulting in perfectly ripe grapes.
The harvest began at the end of September under fine conditions.

HARVEST DATES: FINAL BLEND:

Malbec : 02/10 Merlot : 68%

Merlot : 22/09 to 13/10Cabernet-Franc : 11%Cabernet-Franc : 08/10Cabernet-Sauvignon : 13%Cabernet-Sauvignon : 21/10Malbec (Noir de Pressac) : 6%

Carmenère : 21/10 Carmenère : 2%

2013 was a difficult vintage marked by cool, rainy weather during flowering and an equally wet autumn. Fortunately, this was compensated by fine sunny conditions during summer. This led to very uneven grape ripening, which called for rigorous sorting. At Château de Pressac, a third of the berries were eliminated.

HARVEST DATES: FINAL BLEND:

Malbec: 03/10 Merlot: 64%

Merlot: 02/10 to 14/10Cabernet-Franc: 16%Cabernet-Franc: 14 and 17/10Cabernet-Sauvignon: 12%Cabernet-Sauvignon: 18/10Malbec (Noir de Pressac): 6%

Carmenère : 18/10 Carmenère : 2%

2011 A challenging vintage for winegrowers.

Warm, dry weather conditions all year round led to early flowering and véraison (colour change). The harvest also took place earlier than usual, starting mid-September.

HARVEST DATES: FINAL BLEND:

13/09/2011 to 07/10/2011 Merlot: 70%

Cabernet-Franc : 20% Cabernet-Sauvignon : 8% Malbec (Noir de Pressac) : 2%

After a fairly dull summer, this vintage was "saved" by a particularly fine and sunny autumn.

Meticulous vineyard management throughout this period enabled us to harvest very late (until 31 October) and therefore pick ripe, very aromatic grapes.

HARVEST DATES : FINAL BLEND :

09/10/2008 yo 31/10/2008 Merlot: 70%

Cabernet-Franc : 14% Cabernet-Sauvignon : 12% Malbec (Noir de Pressac) : 1%

Carmenère: 3%