

CHÂTEAU LA CROIX CHANTECAILLE



SAINT-ÉMILION BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Saint-Émilion has deep roots in viticulture. Thought to be the oldest wine-producing appellation in Bordeaux, much of its history is inseparable from its grapevines. Evidence suggests that the Romans made wine here as early as 56 BC. Like much of Bordeaux, the estates of Saint-Émilion are rigorously classified into tiers, although here, they make adjustments to the lists every 10 years, unlike the 1855 classifications of the Left Bank. On labels of Saint-Émilion you will see Premier Cru Classe A, Premier Cru Classe B, Grand Cru Classe and Grand Cru. Premier Cru Classe A is the highest, and that tier currently includes only four estates.

Comprised mainly of Merlot (with Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec permitted as well) the wine has a distinct roundness on the palate. The climate is heavily influenced by the nearby Atlantic Ocean, which helps to define the region's wine style as a whole. A mosaic of clay-rich and sandy topsoil covering a bedrock of limestone with varying degrees of hardness — creates significant differences in the wines.

DESIGNATION

LA CROIX CHANTECAILLE
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

VARIETY

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD

The 8.78 hectare state has been family owned since 1879. Soils consists of light gravels and old sands on a clayey subsoil and iron-pan layer. Planted in 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc with an average vine age of 25 years.

PROCESS

Hand-harvested from select plots. Fermentation takes place over 4 weeks in temperature-controlled concrete vats. Aged 12 months in 35% new French oak barrels. The remaining percentage is aged in once or twice-fill barrels.

TASTING

Full-bodied, ripe and elegant wine with oodles of ripe fruit intertwined with nice toast notes and well-integrated slightly woody tannins.

WINERY

This estate is located in Saint Emilion in the locality of "Chantecaille" hence its name, on a superb terroir on the borders of Pomerol near Château L'Evangile and Château Gazin and neighbor of Château La Dominique and Château Croque Michotte. It sits just 400 meters from Petrus.