

Château SAINT-ESTEPHE



VINTAGE	2018
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Saint-Estèphe
VARIETAL	55% Merlot 45% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	14%
TERROIR	Gravelly, limestone-clayey and sandy
INFO	8 Ha (19.28 Acres) vineyard in Saint-Estèphe, within 7 plots. 25 years old vine in average. 7400 Vines plants / Hect. density Hand harvested, 2 sorting tables - Vinification in concrete tanks with pre-cold maceration, then 12 months ageing in French oak barrels (renewed by 1/3), Allary, Vinea & Mercier. Unfined / Filtered - NEW LABEL

Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HEV 3 farm certified having High Environmental Value

About the Estate:

Created by one of the ARNAUD family's ancestors, this domain originates from 1870. Its' a small family property which has been developed for several generations by the Arnaud Family. Chateau Saint-Estèphe belongs to the 1st estates classified Cru Bourgeois in 1932.

The vineyard is composed of 8 hectares and with 7 plots, gathered around the following villages: Leyssac, Marbuzet & Blanquet, on a mostly gravelly and clay soil, and also fine gravelly, sandy and limestone-clayey soils. A great diversity and complement to express Saint-Estèphe. Hand harvesting in small baskets, following by two hand sorting. 7 to 11 degrees C pre-cold maceration then an alcoholic fermentation never exceeding 25 degrees C on purpose to avoid getting too tight and austere tannins,

Saint-Estèphe is a famous left bank northernmost Medoc Appellation, known - as perfectly describe Jeff Leve "The Wine Cellar Insider" - to have "powerful, rich, full bodied, tannic, structured Bordeaux wines meant to age". They are, but we also wish to have some delivering roundness and opulence, an harmonious terroir and aging potential expression. Since 2017, young Oenologist Cyril, is involved at Chateau Saint-Estèphe, and I felt it right away with my 1st tasting of the 2018 from barrels. Offering the best of this super Bordeaux & left bank vintage, on harmonious silky and sappy texture!

Tasting Notes:

Deep & serious nose on prunes & dark fruits, with sappiness & raciness at the same time. Ample, rich & balanced palate, soft & silky, serious tannins of a great potential, but remaining supple & delicate. Ageing potential for sure, but already so harmonious & attractive, delivering fine toasted, wax and licorice.

"Plenty of firms tannins & also plenty of juicy berry fruits & acidity." R. Voss **91 Pts** - Wine Enthusiast

Food Pairing: Gourmet meals, beef, Pauillac lamb, truffles' sauces & cheese.

Press Review:

2016 Vint.: "Rich Saint-Estèphe tannins... powerful & concentrated. Its structure suggests a wine that is still young, just about to bring the black fruits center stage." Roger Voss 91Pts Wine Enthusiast