

Château SAINT-ESTEPHE



VINTAGE	2020
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Saint-Estèphe
VARIETAL	50% Cabernet-Sauvignon 50% Merlot
ALCOHOL	13%
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) from Allary, Vinea & Mercier. Unfined / Filtered
	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 7 plots totalling 8 hectares, 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 to avoid getting too tight & 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 & 2019; harmonious silky, fruity and sappy texture!

Tasting Notes: AMPLE, POWERFUL, CEDAR, HARMONY

Potential is there and gravelly terroir so expressive. Deep, generous vinous and already opulent palate on dark fruits and stony hints. Tannins, potential and structure, already in harmony. A lot to come!

Food Pairing: Well-marbled steak with Bordelaise, foie gras and truffle-stuffed chicken

Press Review:

"A balanced, structured wine, this offers ripe tannins & attractive black-currant fruits. The wine is textured with firm edge."R. Voss **92 Pts - Cellar Selection W.** Enthusiast
2019 Vint. "...medium-bodied wine with black currant fruits & touches of licorice. The wine's acidity propels it forward to be ready to drink from 2025." Roger Voss 91 Pts Wine Enthusiast

"Medium-bodied on the palate, it's balanced, has a present yet ripe, supple tannins, and a great finish. It's certainly **a delicious Saint-Estèphe.**" Jeb Dunnuck