

SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU



L'EXCELLENCE CLOS des MENUTS

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VARIETALS : 90% Merlot ; 10% Cabernet Franc

OWNERS: Jean Pierre & Philippe RIVIÈRE

CONSULTANT : Stéphane De RENONCOURT

LOCATION : In the very heart of Saint-Emilion
AREA : 5 Ha

SOIL : sandy clay with subsoil hardpan

VINIFICATION : reasoned culture, without weed-killer nor chemical fertilize* ; stripping and green harvesting. Vinification in thermo-regulated concrete vats at low temperature with regular pumping and ageing in French Oak barrels for 12 months (80% new barrels, 20% 1 year old barrels)

TASTING NOTES : This Saint-Emilion is an absolute treat with its subtle mixture of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. L'Excellence Clos des Menuts is a well-balanced, fruity good-keeping wine, with subtle tannins. Harmonious, it has a beautiful nose of ripe grapes, with an elegant touch of wood, red fruit and cherry aromas.



1. For more than 15 years all our estate wines are cultivated and vinified in the respect of the reasoned culture principles ... Since 2015, we do not use any chemical fertilizer anymore. Besides we have set up a true ecological work of the soils .

2. We are about to join the HVE (Haute Valeur Environnementale) network « Official recognition of the environmental performance for winemakers and growers in general » in order to sustain a recognised eco responsible procedure.



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2016 :

JAMES SUCKLING : 93-94/100

« This is very beautiful with dark-berry and chocolate character. Medium body and juicy fruit. This is fantastic! »

WINE ENTHUSIAST : 93/100

« Produced from the oldest vines on this estate, this is a ripe and concentrated wine. Aged for 18 months in wood, it has developed a powerful toast and spice character that is still dominant. But with the strong fruitiness and acidity, it will develop into a impressive wine. Drink from 2023. » Roger VOSS

VINIFERA : ★★★★★

« Fruit coulis of a nice intensity. Great attack which opens on a long and silky mouth, mellow finale on the fruit with a crunchy character. »

2015

WINE ENTHUSIAST : 92/100

« Old vines on the estate, close to the ancient city walls of Saint-Émilion, produce this smoothly ripe wine. It is broad, generously rich with black fruits. The toast from wood aging will integrate with time. »

2014

JAMES SUCKLING : 92-93/100

« Plenty of refined fruits here with a savory character, spices and chocolate. Medium body, clean finish. »

VINIFERA : ★★★★★

« Deeper nose than Clos des Menuts. Longer, firmer and more stylish body with graphites and red fruit notes in finish. »

2012

JAMES SUCKLING : 91/100

« Gorgeous aromas to this wine with blueberries, blackberries, spices and fresh earth. Full body, firm tannins and a long and rich finish. A beauty. Better in 2017. »

2011

JAMES SUCKLING : 90/100

« A wine with berry and chocolate character, plus soft tanins. Good tension here. Full body, juicy fruit and a delicious finish. Harmonious for the vintage. Better in 2015. »

