

Les Gravières

Château Les Gravières

Appellation: Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Varietal: 100% Merlot

Terroir: Terroir 4.5 Ha (11 acres) in the communes of St Sulpice de Faleyrens and St Laurent des Combes. Sandy gravel, deep gravels, cool ferriferous sub-soil.

Vines: Average age 38 to 45 years, planting density 5500 plants/Ha. Vineyards grassed and drained. Average yield 35 Hl/Ha.

Viticulture: Deleafing and green harvesting in June and August, manual removal of spurs, soil improvement using organic materials exclusively. Manual harvesting with rigorous selection on tables.

Vinification: Fermentation in thermostatically controlled stainless steel vats, cold maceration at 6° for 8-10 days before fermentation, long (>30 days) vat fermentation, *délestage* (the juice is removed and poured back over the cap to moisten and break it up) and *pigeage* (the cap is forced into the juice), malolactic fermentation in new barrels. Aging on lees. Aging in 100% new barrels for 16 months.

Tasting notes:

- **Robert Parker:** "Top-notch wine..."
92-94 (2019) - 94-96 (2018) - 93 (2009) - 91 (2008)
- **Vinous Media:** **94(2020) 94(2019) 93(2018) 94(2017)**
- **Yves Beck :** **93 (2020) 92 (2019) 93 (2018) 91 (2017)**
- **Jeb Dunnuck:** **92(2019) 92+(2018) 91(2017) 92(2009)**
- **James Suckling:** **92 (2020) - 92 (2019) - 91-92 (2018) - 91 (2017) - 91 (2016) - 92 (2015)**
- **Guide Hachette:** 2-star **Editor's Choice (2012 & 2013)**
Editor's Choice 9 times since 1995, mentioned 22 times.
- **Blind Tasted (Andreas Larsson):** **92 (2012) - 90 (2011)**
- **Bordeaux Competition:** Gold medal (2017 vintage).

