

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.

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.

Average Yield: 35 Hl/Ha

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:

- James Suckling: **91** (2017) - **91** (2016) - **92** (2015)
- Vinous Media: **93** (2018) - **94** (2017) - **91** (2016)
- Jeb Dunnock: **92+** (2018) - **91** (2017)
- Yves Beck : **93** (2018) - **91** (2017) - **91** (2016)
- Robert Parker: "Top-notch wine..."
89+ (2012) - **89-92** (2010) - **93** (2009) - **91** (2008)
- Blind Tasted (Andreas Larsson): **92** (2012) - **90** (2011)
- Guide Hachette: 2-star **Editor's Choice** (2012 & 2013)
Editor's Choice 9 times since 1995, mentioned 21 times.
- Bordeaux Competition: Gold medal in 2020.

