DENIS BARRAUD





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Appellation: Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Varietal: 100% Merlot

Terroir: 2.5 Ha (6 acres) in the commune of St. Sulpice de Faleyrens at "Le Bert". Very gravelly sand, deep gravels, cool formiforage sub-sail

ferriferous sub-soil.

Vines: Average age 45 to 50 years, planting density 5600 plants/Ha, low yielding grafting stock. 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: 19 - 25 HI/Ha

Vinification: Fermentation in thermostatically controlled wooden vats and in 400 litre barrels. 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) and *pigeage* (the cap is forced into the juice), malolactic fermentation in new barrels. Aging on lees. Aging in 100% new Tronçais Forest barrels for 18 months or more. Read more...

Tasting notes:

- Robert Parker: "Dense with silky tanins, fleshy mouthfeel" **94** (2012) **90** (2010) **93+** (2009) **91** (2008)
 - **90+** (2006) **91-94** (2005) **90** (2004) **92** (2003)
- <u>Wine Spectator</u>: "Layered and lengthy..." **89** (2013) **90** (2012) **90** (2011) **90** (2010) **93** (2009)
- <u>Jancis Robinson</u>: **16 /20** (2015)
- <u>Blind Tasted</u> (Andreas Larsson): **92** (2008) **93** (2009)

