

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)
- [Decanter](#): **93 (2015)** Highly Recommended
- [Vinous Media](#): **93 (2022) 94 (2020) 94 (2019) 93 (2018)**
- [Yves Beck](#): **94 (2023) - 93 (2022) - 93 (2020) - 93 (2018)**
- [Jeb Dunnuck](#): **90 (2023) 90 (2022) 92 (2020) 92 (2019)**
- [James Suckling](#): **92 (2023) - 93 (2022) - 92 (2021) - 92 (2020) - 92 (2019) - 91-92 (2018) - 91 (2017)**
- [Guide Hachette](#): 9 times **Editor's Choice** since 1995.
- [Mâcon World Competition](#) : Gold Medal (2022 *vint.*)
- [Paris Competition](#) : Gold Medal (2022 *vint.*)
- [Bordeaux Competition](#): Gold medal (2017 *vintage*)

