

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)
- Decanter: **93** (2015) Highly Recommended
- Vinous Media: **93**(2022) **94**(2020) **94**(2019) **93**(2018)
- Yves Beck: **93** (2022) **93** (2020) **92** (2019) **93** (2018)
- Jeb Dunnuck: **90**(2022) **92**(2020) **92**(2019) **92+**(2018)
- James Suckling: **93** (2022) - **92** (2021) - **92** (2020) -
92 (2019) - **91-92** (2018) - **91** (2017) - **91** (2016)
- Guide Hachette: 9 times **Editor's Choice** since 1995.
- Bordeaux Competition: Gold medal (*2017 vintage*).
- Selections Mondiales des Vins : Grand Gold (*2016 vint.*)

