

CHÂTEAU DE FONBEL

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

2019



The VINTAGE

Location

Vines are located in the south of Saint Emilion.

Planted vineyard area

16 hectares.

Nature of soils

Soils are clay with sand and gravel.

Plantation density

Between 5,500 and 12,600 vines per hectare.

Average age of the vines

26 years.

Harvest dates

Merlot : 23, 28 et 30 septembre.

Cabernet sauvignon : 5 octobre.

Carmenère : 7 octobre.

Wine-making

Fermentation and ageing in stainless-steel vats and 30% in barrels.

2019 Blend

85% of Merlot, 10% of Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% of Carmenère.

Owner / Wine-grower

VAUTHIER family / Managed by Alain VAUTHIER and Pauline VAUTHIER

Wine team

Vineyard Manager : Laurent VALLET.

Cellar Master : Philippe BAILLARGUET.

Distribution

Sales through Bordeaux traders.



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Château Ausone

TEST-BED

Owned by the Vauthier family since 1971, Château de Fonbel has received special attention, because its vineyard is a test-bed for Château Ausone and its second wine, Chapelle d'Ausone.

Diversity of CEPAGE

Lovers of their job as winegrowers, Alain Vauthier and his daughter Pauline apply exacting high standards and technical know-how to this estate located on the Saint-Émilion plain. **Not far south of the village, Château de Fonbel covers 16 hectares where the Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère – that old Bordeaux grape variety – and Petit Verdot find their chosen land on sandy-clay, gravel or simply sandy soils.** The wine here is produced with great precision, both in the vineyard and in the cellar.

An elegant and subtle WINE

Depending on the vintage, part of the wine is vinified in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks and then goes into barrel to give lightness, elegance and flavour. The Château de Fonbel blend always contains around 85% Merlot, complemented by the other grape varieties, allowing a wide range of blending possibilities. Challengers by nature, and benefiting from certain innovations before their illustrious neighbours, the estate's wines express their fruit, elegance and subtlety with well-integrated tannins that make them easy to drink in their youth.

The good balance and freshness - which the wine has drawn from the soil - also give it great ageing potential. It is tempered by the touch of Carmenère, reflected in spicy or liquorice notes.