

Vintage 2016



Established: Separated from Château Figeac in 1879, the estate is located between Château Cheval Blanc and Château Figeac on Pomerol border.

Owner: Otto Rettenmaier

Director: Pierre Blois

Consultant: SARL Derenoncourt – Julien Lavenu

VINEYARD

Surface: 14.6 hectares

Soil: Gravel and sand on a substratum of clay

Average age of the vines: 35 year

Method: The vineyard has been driven ecologically for nearly 20 years with the use of organic and biodynamic farming methods. In fact, we use not only herbal teas but also preparations such as the 500 and 501 that contribute to a better balance of the plant in its ecosystem.

Cereals are sown in the inter-rows during the off-season in order to feed and strengthen the soil structure and thus to limit erosion.

A stripping accompanied by a cleaning (light green harvests) allows the clusters to reach optimal maturity while preserving the freshness of the fruit.



VINIFICATION

Type of tank: Stainless-steel tanks and wooden vats under temperature control

Method: After a meticulous sorting, the grape are destemmed. The berries, without being crushed, are transferred by conveyer belts in tanks of small capacities.

A soft extraction by punching down is practiced on all tanks. Maceration and fermentation last approximately one month.

The wine is aging in barrels 50 % of them are new.

Filtration and clarification are done if necessary.



HARVEST 2016

Date of the harvest:

October 3rd to October 18th

Yield: 38 Hl/ha

Selected 320 hl, equalling 42 600 bottles

Variety in the blend:

70% Merlot- 30% Cabernet Franc

Alcool: 14.5 % by vol





"... It is solid and fruity, clearly built for the long haul..."

93-95/100



... beaucoup d'intensité, volume savoureux, grande allonge...

92-93/100



"...this is a beautiful St.-Emilion that has a wonderful, silky texture on the fullish palate..."

94/100



"...The palate is medium-bodied with succulent, ripe black cherry fruit..."

91/100



"...An understated style, with fresh tannins coursing beneath the fruit ..."

93-95/100



"... Il sublime la délicatesse de son terroir..."

17,5/20



"...elegantly styled with supple textures..."

91-93/100

Decanter

"...Bright, deeply felt blackberry fruits with the power of a clay-based St-Émilion..."

91/100



"...Sumptuous, sweet nose with floral top notes..."

16,5+/20



"... Bravo! ..."

17-18/20

WEINWISSER

"... Dies dürfte der beste Tour-Figeac seiner Geschichte werden... "

19/20



"... this should be on the list of anyone who appreciates great wine at a reasonable price..."

93/100

