

## CHÂTEAU LASSÈGUE: THE OPULENCE

Ornate sundials adorn the façade of Château Lassègue, a beautiful 18th century Château. This symbol of perfect sun exposure is the inspiration for our logo and represents the message of our wines. Lassègue is Saint-Emilion at its most opulent. Old vines grow on the south/southwest hills which are the prolongation of the Côte de Saint-Emilion, and whose soils of clay and limestone add exquisite minerality to their fruit. Rich, aromatic Cabernet Franc married to the dense concentration of old vine Merlot and seasoned with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon results in a wine that is at once powerful and elegant.

# 2017 VINTAGE NOTES

The major event affecting the 2017 growing season was the frost that hit Saint-Emilion and the surrounding Bordeaux wine-growing region in the end of April. The majority of Lassègue's vineyards, which lie on the south-facing slopes, benefited from their favorable exposure and were thus largely spared, although a few of the parcels on the lower-lying foothills were affected.

This unusual cold spell took place between a relatively early bud-break in the first days of April, and the flowering that finished in early June for the cabernets. After a wet May and June, the rest of the growing season was quite dry but without excessive heat. The vines were able to flourish throughout the dry summer, thanks to the estate's clay-limestone soils' capacity to retain water.

Several rain showers in September were beneficial for a gentle end to ripening just in advance of harvest, which took place in excellent conditions between September 20 and October 5.

# TASTING NOTES

The Lassègue 2017 shows a brilliant and profound color. The pure aromatics leap out from the first aeration, showing a panoply of fresh red fruit, and evoking notes of rose and violet.

On the palate, the attack is dense and round, with already silky tannins. The midpalate displays a fine complexity of spices and ripe fruits that extends into a long and balanced finish. This vintage exudes freshness and refined minerality.

A "vigneron vintage" from a challenging growing season, the excellence of the 2017 finds its roots in Lassègue's grand terroir.

Vigneron Pierre Seillan, July 2020

# **\*** 2017

## VIGNERON

Pierre Seillan and Nicolas Seillan

## APPELLATION

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

## COMPOSITION

50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### ALCOHOL

14.0%

#### TOTAL ACIDITY

3.2

#### рΗ

3.72

# BARREL AGING

12 months in 70% new French oak

## SOIL

Clay, limestone

# AGE OF THE VINES

50 to 60 years old