

SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU



CLOS des MENUTS

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VARIETALS :

85% Merlot ; 10% Cabernet Sauvignon; 5% Cabernet Franc

OWNERS: Jean Pierre & Philippe RIVIÈRE

CONSULTANT : Stéphane DERENONCOURT

LOCATION : In the heart of Saint-Emilion.

AREA : 20 Ha

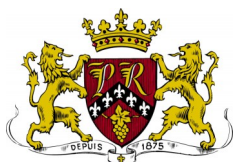
SOIL : Sandy clay with subsoil hardpan

VINIFICATION: Reasoned culture , without weed-killer nor chemical fertilizer; stripping and green harvesting. Vinification in thermo-regulated concrete vats and French Oak barrels for 12 months (1/3 new barrels ,1/3 1 year old barrels, 1/3 over two yeras old barrels).

TASTING: In the heart of the Saint-Emilion appellation , CLOS DES MENUTS is a good-keeping wine which is round and full bodied , with delicate tannins. A very deeply coloured wine. A powerful nose, very complex with notes of vanilla and toasted bread. Full on the palate the wine has a lovely structure and has good balance between the fruit of ripe grapes and the vanilla oak-tannins.

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1. For more than 15 years all our estate wines are cultivated and vinified in the respect of the reasoned culture principles ... Since 2015, we almost do not use any chemical fertilizer anymore. Besides we have set up a true ecological work of the soils.
2. From the 2019 harvest, the estate is HVE 3 certified (Haute Valeur Environnementale). It is an « Official recognition of the environmental performance for wine-makers and growers in general in order to sustain a recognised eco-responsible approach ».



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2018

ANDREAS LARSSON : Rather deep ruby red colour. Pure nose offering fresh wild berry notes, a mild spiciness and discreet oak. Medium weight with a youthful texture, rather high extraction, discreet young fruit and a fairly long finish. A youthful example needing time to soften.

2016

WINE ENTHUSIAST : 91/100 : « A touch of Cabernet Franc in this wine has brought out perfumes that contrast with the indulgent Merlot. This wine has weight, concentration and structure. Give it time and drink from 2022 »

JAMES SUCKILING : 91/100 : « This offers much in 2016 with ripe plums and blackberries, as well as spiced berry-pastry aromas that lead to a palate that delivers easygoing, succulent tannins. Great balance. Try from 2022. »

Silver Medal Bruxelles 2020

2015

WINE ENTHUSIAST : 90/100 : « This rich and dense wine shines with ripe Merlot, a product of the warm vintage Licorice and black fruit flavors and plenty of sipses from wood-ageing, all contribute. To the generally ripe effect of this generous wine »

Gold Medal Paris 2018

2014

JAMES SUCKILING : 91-92/100 : « There is something mineral. Even if this wine is light bodied, tannins remains tight..Punchy finish, with nevertheless a mix of flavors. To be drunk now or to keep. »

2013

Gold Medal Bruxelles 2015
Gold Medal Bordeaux 2015

2012

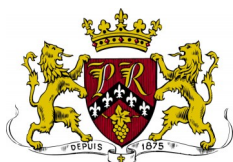
WINE ENTHUSIAST : 90/100 : « Visitors to SAINT Emilion will see the winery of Clos des Menuts right in the town center. The vines, on the plateau outside, have produced a ripe wine in the 2012 vintage. It's rich and soft, still with juicy black fruits and smoky mildly tannic character. This will develop as ripe wine to drink from 2018. »

2010

JAMES SUCKILING : 92-93/100

« That is heady stuff! . Plenty of mineral, dark chocolate and fruits notes, very elegant with a super long finish. »

WINE ENTHUSIAST : 90/100



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