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Château Bernateau

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Since 2002, Pierrick Lavau, oenologist from Bordeaux Oenology Faculty, has joined his parents to succeed them, becoming then the 8th generation to grow vines on this estate. Chateau Bernateau enjoys an exceptional location in Saint-Emilion. Its vineyard, located among several first growths, is without any doubt one of the best of the appellation.

Vineyard :

Terroir : Clay and limestone hillsides and feet of the hill. Limestone plateau.

Average age of the vines : 40 years old.

Growing method : organic growing; no weed-killers; mechanical work of the soils; manual disbudding, leave thinning and green harvesting.

Yield : 35 hl/ha.

Wine-making :

- Hand-picking in crates from the 8th to the 14th of October 2014.

- Sorting : by hand and optical sorting before vatting (separation by grape variety).

- Extraction: Pumping-over and/or pigeage, wine-making in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats.

- Ageing : 100% new oak barrels during 26 months (french oak).

- Blending : 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc.

-Bottling at the chateau.

Wine tasting :

Beautiful dark colour still purple. Delicate nose with black fruits, black pepper and tobacco. On the palate, there is a nice freshness on the attack. Very nice volume with a lingering finish and a great minerality : Stylish wine.

Awards and ratings :

- Gold Medal at the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2017.

- Silver Metal at the Concours de Bordeaux 2016.

- 92/100 : James Suckling.