

Esprit de Pavie

Gérard Perse created Esprit de Pavie in 2008. Made from a blend sourced from the estates belonging to the family in Saint-Émilion and Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux, it is vinified by the Château Pavie technical team with passion, care and rigour.



Terroir

Esprit de Pavie is made from a greatly diverse terroir situated on the southern facing slopes of the Dordogne river valley, which may be grouped into three categories:

- sandy-gravel foothills
- clayey slopes
- clay-limestone plateau

Vintage 2011

Summer arrived in early April with particularly high temperatures and very little rain. The flowering process and fruit set took place around three weeks ahead of a normal year. July and August were cool and rainy and, as a result, vine vegetation growth slowed down. Meticulous tending of the vines enabled us to cope with these weather conditions in which everything seemed to be happening in the wrong order. September then began with gloomy skies, but around the 15th of the month an idyllic phase set in which encouraged us to be patient and wait. The grapes were in good health, and so we were able to give the fruit enough time to reach optimal ripeness before beginning the harvest. In order to reveal all the qualities of this atypical and hugely promising vintage, careful monitoring of the vines and patience were essential.

Growing methods

Green harvesting, with a first leafthinning at the end of June to expose the grapes to the morning sun, and repeated in mid-August so the bunches may benefit from afternoon sunlight.

Vinification

Alcoholic fermentation in temperature-controlled tanks. Malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Harvest

from 08/10 to 18/10

Aging

100% one year old barrels, for 15 months

Surface area

56 hectares

Blend

70% merlot, 30% cabernet franc

Yields

14hl/ha

Tasting

"Fruit brightness with pleasant red fruits aromas, nice minerality, round mouth, beautiful length with great delicately.

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