

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 2022

The vintage started with a mild, dry winter that led to an early bud-break. A number of spring frosts occurred, but at our vineyard these were kept at bay well. A mild, rainy spring followed without any fungal disease pressure in the vines. In hot and dry weather conditions, the flowering process went very smoothly and quickly. At fruit set, the vines were in great shape, offering the prospect of a very fine crop. The character of this hot-weather vintage was forged over the summer months, which included periods of water deficit stress and record drought all over Bordeaux. In our terroirs, our vineyard stood up well. Thanks to great care and attention in the vines at the right moments, and to the careful management of the soils and vines for many years now, the vines didn't suffer too much from the heat and produced tiny berries with very concentrated juices of excellent quality and lovely balance.

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 22/09 to 28/09.

Aging

in tanks for 15 months.

Surface area

37 hectares.

Blend

65% merlot, 20% cabernet franc, 15% cabernet sauvignon.

Yields

37 hl/ha.

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Vineyard Manager : René Courmont