# CHÂTEAU ABELYCE

# Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2015 Single Vineyard - GPS 44.875706, -0.169671



ORIGIN
Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

# **VINEYARD**

+/- 45 yrs. old vines on average, on sandy gravel with clay Yield: 35 hL/ha

BLEND 100% Merlot

#### **FARMING**

Culture raisonnée; Hand harvested in vineyard

### WINEMAKING

Vinified in temperaturecontrolled steel tanks

## **AGING**

Oak-aged for +/- 20 months

Chateau Abelyce delivers layers of complex flavors of berries and cherries with hints of cocoa, leather and spice. The structure and tannins are balanced on your palate.

Located in the Vignonet commune of the southern part of the Saint-Émilion appellation (right by Chateau Monbousquet, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé), the soils of this 6.2-acre vineyard consists of gravel and sandy clay. The Merlot vines on this vineyard are 40+ year old and thrive here. The gravel (known as *graves* in the region) allows for drainage and imparts minerals to the roots. The clay also is rich in nutrients. All of this really lends finesse to the structure of the wine.

Amelie Aubert, winemaker for several chateaux under the Famille Alain Aubert banner, has a special attachment to Chateau Abelyce. Bought by the family in 2004, it is her own personal project, named after her two children, Abel and Alice—"mon bébé", as she says...

# ACCOLADES

2015 International Wine Report – 92 Points 2015 Wine Enthusiast Magazine – 90 Points 2014 International Wine Report – 93 Points 2014 Beverage Tasting Institute – 95 Points (Gold Metal)

