



VIEUX CHÂTEAU DES COMBES SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU 2016

Vieux Château de Combes' 2016 Saint Émilion Grand Cru begins with a skillfully complex and powerful nose. Silky red fruits like cassis and damson fill the nose and coat the palate with a sophisticated ease. The Cabernet Franc gives a structured support and smoky richness that allows for the Merlot to flourish. Wait until 2022 to drink and pair with steaks, pork roasts, barbecued meats, and cheeses.

ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

VINEYARD

30-year-old vines in 33 hectares of clay-limestone soils

Yield: 50hL/ha

Density: 5,369 vines/ha

BLEND

92% Merlot

8% Cabernet Franc

FARMING

Hand-harvested

WINEMAKING

Temperature controlled fermentation for 10-days

AGING

Aged for 16-months in French oak barrels, 50% new, 50% one year old.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

FOOD PAIRING

Pair with steaks, pork roast, barbecue. and cheese.

2016's Saint-Emilion season produced something for everyone. It began with tumultuous rains, rich clouds, and cooler temperatures. But with the beginning of June, it all changed. The warm sun banished the clouds and regulated the temperatures into true dream conditions. 2016's vintage is precise, structured, and pure. It is the quintessential definition of a classic Bordeaux.

These 30-year-old vines are planted in 33 hectares of clay-limestone soils. They have a density of 5,369 vines per hectare with a total yield of 50-hectare liters per hectare. After being hand harvested, the grapes are put into a mix of 10 stainless-steel vats and 35 concrete tanks where they go through temperature-controlled maceration and fermentation. After, they enter a 16-month long ageing where the juice is split between 50% new, and 50%. One year old French oak barrels.

Vieux Chateaux des Combes is located in Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes, just five kilometers away from the historic village of Saint-Emilion. Its name suggests some wine was produced here in the 17th century when the Benedictine abbey was built and vines were planted, scattered around the buildings, growing on little hills and valleys, known as combes.

ACCOLADES

2016 Wine Enthusiast - 92 points

"The perfumed Cabernet Franc makes this wine, even though the blend is dominated by Merlot. It gives the structure and smoky richness that bring out the black-plum fruits and acidity. The wine is not yet ready; wait until 2022. "-W.E.

