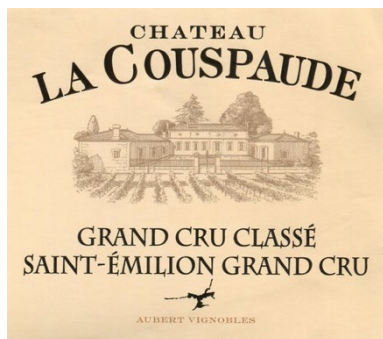


CHÂTEAU LA COUSPAUDE- 2018

SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND Cru « Grand Cru Classé »

GPS : 44.896979 - 0.1490804



ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

APPELLATION

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Classé

SINGLE VINEYARD

Single-Vineyard, 7.01 hectare
GPS 44.896979/-0.1490804
30-year-old vines
Yield: 30-35 hl/ha
Density: 5,500 vines/ha

BLEND

75% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

FARMING

Sustainably maintained

WINEMAKING

Traditional wine making
process.

AGING

18-months in new French oak
barrels

Château La Couspaude's 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru is simply compelling. The nose is filled with tempting notes of reduced fruits like black plums and boysenberries that are then accented by whispers of chocolate, licorice, and truffle. The palate is run awash its medium to full body, firm yet polished tannins, black fruit preserve and spicy layers that then slide into a long, flavorful, finish.

The 2018 growing season had a challenging start. In its first half the region was met with incredibly wet conditions. However, from mid-July through the harvest, the vineyards bathed in hot, sunny weather. This gave winemakers to pick their fruits whenever they felt like the fruits had achieved their expectation. Later picked fruit created more tannic, richer wines, while the earlier fruits created fresher, and slightly lighter cuvées. This vintage is full of diverse character and style yet doesn't stray from the idea of quality one bit. This year produced excellent wines "from the simplest Bordeaux to the great names. This is a sign of an exceptional year." (James Suckling)

This 7-hectare single-vineyard, magnificently located on the heights of the limestone plateau of Saint-Émilion, is completely walled, which makes it possible to distinguish it as one of the oldest properties in the village. After the 30-year-old grapes are hand-harvested from the 7.01-hectare vineyard of clay-limestone soils the enter a traditional winemaking process before being placed in new French oak barrels for the next 18-months.

Château La Couspaude is the physical representation of the integration of both the Aubert and Robin families. But it all started more than a century ago, when Posper-Jean Robin (1848-1930), already owner of Sansonnet, acquired an ideally estate located at the entrance of Saint-Émilion now known as Château La Couspaude. Edith Robin, Posper-Jean's granddaughter inherited the estate and then in 1941 married Etienne Aubert whose family of winemakers dated back all the way into the middle of the 18th century. Today, Posper-Jean's great-grandsons Alain, Daniel, and Jean-Claude Aubert are now the heart of Château La Couspaude as the brothers create wines that not only echo the legacy of the estate, but the soul of their family as well.

ACCOLADES

2018 Wine Enthusiast – 94 pts

"The vineyard, on the edge of Saint-Emilion city, has produced a juicy, well-structured wine. Restrained tannins back up ripe black-currant fruitiness. An attractive smoky perfume from rich Cabernet Franc in the blend enhances complexity and density. Drink the wine from 2026." -W.E

2018 Wine Advocate – 92-94 pts.

2018 James Suckling– 94 pts

2018 Jeb Dunnuck – 92-94 pts

2018 Wine Spectator – 91 pts.

2018 Jancis Robinson – 16.5 pts

