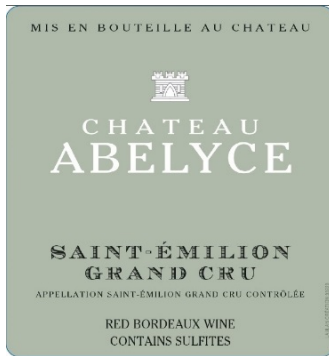


# CHÂTEAU ABELYCE

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2018

Single Vineyard - GPS 44.875706, -0.169671



## ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

## APPELLATION

AOC Saint Emilion Grand Cru

## SINGLE VINEYARD

Latitude: 44.875706

Longitude: -0,169671

Altitude: 14.37 m

+/- 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 temperature-controlled steel tanks

## AGING

Oak-aged for +/- 20 months

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alc. 14.5% |

Château Abelyce's 2018 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru could be described in one word. And the word is *sensational*. With each vintage Amélie Aubert raises the bar and to date, this is the most impressive vintage yet... The nose drowns itself in the complex combination of ripe cherries and cassis, fresh violets, minerals, dark chocolate, and spices. The palate is the definition of balance. The structure is polished and just as elegant as the end and long finish.

The 2018 growing season had a challenging start. In its first half the region was met with incredibly wet conditions which led to a massive, regional attack of mildew. 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)

Located in the Vignonet commune of the southern part of the Saint-Émilion appellation (right by Chateau Monbousquet, Saint-Émilion 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 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

### 2018 International Wine Report – 93 Points

*"The 2018 Château Abelyce Saint-Émilion Grand Cru is a sensational showing from Amélie Aubert. Composed of 100% Merlot, this wine seems to be more impressive with each vintage, and the 2018 is the most impressive yet. This opens to fantastic aromatics of ripe black cherries and cassis, along with fresh violets, loam, minerals, dark chocolate and spices all emerging from the glass. On the palate this possesses remarkable overall balance with a gorgeous polished frame that ends with a long finish. The 2018 is fantastic today, yet it also displays wonderful ageing potential. This should provide at least a decade of drinking pleasure ahead." -I.W.R.*

