

Le Grand Chai Montagne Saint-Emilion

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WINEFILE

Style Rich and flavoursome, bone dry
Grape Variety Merlot 95%, Cabernet Franc 5%
Colour Deep crimson
Aroma Dense black fruits with gentle vanilla oak notes
Taste Velvety and ripe with dark prune richness and a luxurious oaky layer
Drink by End 2020 **Alcohol** 13%



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Very impressed with depth, flavour and colour. Another year should see this wine blossom

Online Review for 2012, Southeast England

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 Best loved of all the satellite appellations, Montagne produces claret closest in style to Saint Emilion proper and always with impressive richness and depth. From the magnificent Le Chai, this wine already offers ripe red fruits with velvety length.

With a cellar on the banks of the Dordogne in Castillon, our winemakers are always close by when a parcel of top fruit is up for grabs. Longtime friend Olivier Cazenave introduced us to this small Montagne estate in 2009. It lies just northeast of the beautiful cobbled town of Saint Emilion and is only separated from Saint Emilion proper by a stream, the Barbanne. Vines grown on the property's fine limestone soils produce grapes of impressive intensity, which deserved nearly a year in partly new oak barrels at Le Chai. This has lent the velvety Merlot fruit an extra layer of creamy depth with subtle oak hints. For now, open and decant an hour before serving with lamb – this wine's ideal food 'mate'. It'll continue to improve with age.



The picturesque village of Saint-Emilion on Bordeaux's right bank produces fine claret based on the Merlot grape