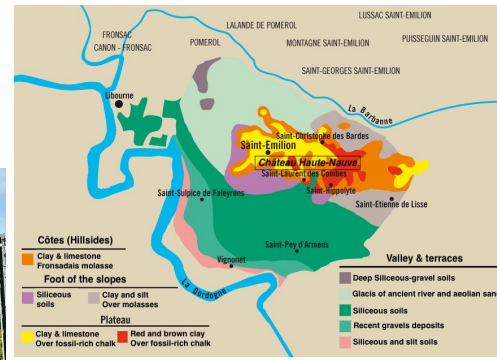




CHATEAU HAUTE-NAUVE SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU 2021



Château Haute-Nauve is located in the village of Saint-Laurent-des Combes in a clay and limestone-rich terroir located on the "Côtes", or hillsides, going down the "Plateau" where the Grand Cru Classés of Saint-Émilion are located.

30-years-old Florent Mallet took over, after his mother Marie-Anne, the 9.5 hectares and became the 4th generation vigneron at the helm of this human sized estate.

Planted with 70% of Merlot, 27% of Cabernet Franc and 3% of Cabernet Sauvignon, they made the choice to follow organic practices and banned the use of herbicides back in 2005. The use of eco-grazing, with sheep, allows them to have a natural maintenance of the vines avoiding the intensive passage of tractors. Natural grass cover and planting of wheat and selected plants allow them to enhance biodiversity.

In opposition with the stereotypical of Saint-Emilion castle owners, Florent cultivate simplicity and even opened a campsite for people to sleep in the vines. Florent is a great exemple of a vigneron "Authentique".

SOIL TYPE _____

Hillside vineyard. Clay and limestone subsoil with a thin layer of sand.

VARIETAL _____

70% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

CULTURE _____

Organic farming. No use of herbicides. Eco-grazing with sheep. Harvest by hand. Accurate selection on sorting tables

VINIFICATION _____

Fermentation and maceration in stainless-steel vats. Cold maceration of 4/5 days at 59F before. Long maceration post fermentation of 4 weeks with gentle pumpovers. Ageing during 12 months in new 225l French oak barrels (50%) and in stainless-steel tanks (50%)

TASTING NOTES _____

Open and accessible this wine displays notes of winter spices, like vanilla and cinnamon, with enticing flavors of sour cherry. The palate is medium-bodied with soft tannins. It finishes with lingering red cherry, crushed flowers and spicy notes of white pepper gently underlined by a refreshing acidity.



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