



2011 vintage

The 200th vintage of the Despagne family on the Grand Corbin terroir.

Harvesting dates :

- 15/09/2011 for the Merlot
- 26/09/2011 for the Cabernet-Franc

2011 blend :

- 70% Merlot
- 29% Cabernet-Franc
- 1% Cabernet-Sauvignon

Ageing :

- 50% new barrels
- 50% second-fill and third-fill barrels

Yield : 38 hl/ha

Production :

467 ½ bottles
70,000 bottles
648 magnums
54 double-magnums
26 imperiales

General technical data

Family-owned estate since 1812

Location : In the north of the Saint-Emilion appellation, adjacent to Pomerol

Appellation : Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Classification : Grand Cru Classé

Surface area: 26.80 hectares

Soils : Siliceous-clay over iron deposits and ancient sands over blue clay

Average age of the vines : 38 years

Rootstocks : 101-14, 3309, Riparia

Density of plantation : 6,000 to 7,000 vines per hectare

Vine-growing methods : Ploughing or a grass cover crop without any use of weedkillers. In the process of converting to an Organically-Grown Vineyard since 2010.

Canopy management work : De-budding, removal of double shoots, de-leafing, crop thinning, removal of lateral shoots

Harvesting : By hand in small crates with 4 successive sortings

Vinification : Different operations that can vary according to plot batches and vintage : numerous short pump-overs, rack and return (délestage) and punching down of the cap (pigeage)

Bottling : 21 months after the harvest

Annual production : 70,000 à 100,000 bottles depending on the vintage

Second wine : Petit Corbin-Despagne Saint-Emilion Grand Cru