



### 2018 vintage

The 207th vintage of the Despaigne family on the Grand Corbin terroir.

The beginning of harvesting period:

- 19/09/2018 : Young Merlot
- 24/09/2018: Merlot
- 02/10/2018 : Cabernets

Blending 2018 :

- 75% Merlot
- 24% Cabernet-Franc
- 1% Cabernet-Sauvignon

Ageing :

- 50 % new barrels
- 40% one year old barrels
- 10% two year old barrels

Yield: 34 hl/ha

Production:

805 half-bottles  
76 538 bottles  
2515 magnums  
135 double-magnums  
30 impériales  
6 salmanazars

### 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:** 28,79 hectares

**Terroir:** Siliceous-clay over iron deposits and ancient sands over blue clay

**Grape varieties:** 75% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Average age of the vineyard:** 38 years old

**Rootstocks:** 101-14, 3309, Riparia

**Density of vine plantation:** 6,000 to 8,000 vines per hectare

**Vine-growing methods:** ploughing or a grass cover crop without any use of weedkillers.

Certified as organically-farmed and an organic wine since 2013 by Qualisud FR-BIO-16.

**Canopy management practices:** de-budding, removal of double buds, de-leafings, crop thinning, de-suckering (lateral shoots)

**Harvesting:** manual with 5 consecutive sortings

**Average yield:** 35 to 40 hl/ha

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

**Bottling:** 21 months after the harvest

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

**Second wine:** Petit Corbin-Despaigne