



**Always has been in Saint-Emilion  
Wine Producer for centuries  
On the terroir of Grand Corbin since 1812**

### **2023 vintage**

**The 212th vintage of the Despagne family on  
the Grand Corbin terroir.  
François Despagne the 7<sup>th</sup> generation this is  
his 28<sup>th</sup> vintage.**

**The beginning of harvesting period:**

- 11/09/2023 : Young Merlot
- 14/09/2023 : Merlot
- 20/09/2023 : Cabernets

**Blending 2023 :**

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

**Ageing :**

- 40 % new barrels
- 40% one year old barrels
- 10% barrels 400L
- 10% amphore

**Yield:** 45 hl/ha

**Production :** 1000 half-bottles, 80832 bottles,  
1400 magnums, 50 double-magnums, 20  
impériales, 1 salmanazar, 2 balthazar

**Alcohol by vol:** 13,5% vol

### **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.  
Biodynamic converting.

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

**Harvesting:** manual with 5 consecutive sortings,  
including by blower and densimetry.

**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-Despagne

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