

CHÂTEAU
LAMARTRE



SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

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As times went by

Located in the village of Saint-Étienne-de-Lisse and within the Saint-Émilion Grand Cru appellation, our family vineyard has grown generation by generation since the Middle Ages.

Our family joined the Saint-Émilion cooperative winery in 1932. Now, our desire is to bring the whole process of creating a great wine back to the *Château*, from working the soil to the final tasting. This is why we have decided to return to making our wine independently.

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A particular *terroir*

The unique character of our wine comes first and foremost from its *terroir*: a mosaic of tiny lots covering 11.5 hectares of land, spread across the sides and the bases of the hills, offering a great diversity of sun exposure as well as a nuanced collection of limestone-and-clay soils and limestone-and-sand soils.

It also stems from our exceptionally old vines, which are 50 years old on average, the guarantee of a naturally limited harvest, focused on quality.

Finally, our wine owes its personality to a particularly high proportion of Cabernet Franc (41%), known for its aromatic finesse, its elegance and its ability to age.

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A lesson in patience

Everything starts with an intense working of the soils, which allows the roots access to the minerals that will give the wine its style and subtlety.

Throughout the seasons, we dedicate ourselves to caring for every lot and to preserving the oldest vine stocks, preferring the human touch to a machine's, preventive observation to systematic treatment, quality over quantity, all the way from the trimming to the harvest.

A very fine winemaking process - the grapes are kept unburst - allows us to extract all the aromas and tannins in each grape. The process is tailor-made for each lot, each tank being monitored and taken care of according to its specific needs, to the rhythm of its evolution and to its role in the future whole.

Then comes the aging of the wine, searching for the perfect balance among a variety of oak barrels. Eighteen months of patience that give the wood the time it needs to reveal fully the complex fruit tones.

Finally, the many lots are mixed together to create two *cuvées*, each expressing the personality of the *terroir* it stems from: Château Lamartre **Passage Secret** (Secret Passage) and Château Lamartre **Étrange Rumeur** (Whisp of the Wind).

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Passage Secret (Secret Passage)

The *cuvée* **Passage Secret** is the produce of our limestone and clay hillsides and of our oldest Cabernet Franc vines.

At Château Lamartre, each lot has its own name, inherited from the past. The ones that constitute **Passage Secret** are called: Roc Saint-Michel, La Vigne de la Croix, Le Haut du Prunier, Le Coteau, La Vigne des Vendangeurs, Sous le Roc Cabernet, L'Ancien Pré, Le Cabanon, La Vigne de Malot, Le Bas de la Mairie Cabernet, La Vigne de Clémence.

Our **Passage Secret** (Secret Passage) is the path one walks, throughout vines and hillsides, to reach the different lots.

It is also the path, every year familiar and every year rediscovered, that we follow step by step, beside the vines and the winery, to create the vintage.

But above all, it is the path that as children we dreamed of discovering, inside this big family house surrounded by vines, in the back of the attic, by a lot, behind a tree or in the waters of a fountain in which the say a little marten (called a *martre* in French) used to drink.

We now invite you to follow this *Passage Secret* yourself. Here are a few hints to help you find its gates:

A scent of cherry plum and vineyard peach, strengthened by hints of iris and licorice... In the mouth, a mellow and suave attack which extends into floral aromas of peony and jasmine... Then the many traits of the clay *terroir* the *cuvée* comes from: a tight tannic structure, a dynamic taste, a salty finish of chalky tannins, a great persistence...

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Étrange Rumeur (Wisp of the Wind)

Among the plains and the bases of the hills are the lots that constitute **Étrange Rumeur**. They are called: La Vigne de Laïs, Les Longues Règes, Le Ruisseau, Sous le Roc, L'Échange, Les Quatre Règes, L'Entre-deux-vignes, Sicard, Le Moulin, Le Bas du Prunier, L'Entrée du Bourg, La Pointe, Côté Chemin, La Mairie, L'Ormeau, La Vigne d'Aurélien.

Our **Étrange Rumeur** (Wisp of the Wind) is the one that, as children from the city coming back to the countryside for the vacations, we loved to listen for, in the silence of the vines. It is the crackling sounds of the frozen land under our feet, the fluttering of the birds and the humming of the insects, it is the exhilarating joy of the harvest.

Our *Étrange Rumeur* is the one that reminds us that Château Lamartre is made in the vines, long before it reaches the winery. That it is above all the gift of a land full of life... as long as we keep listening to nature's cycles and to the creatures that populate it.

Can you hear it?

In its scent, some hints of raspberry, gooseberry and strawberry, strengthened as a counterpoint by hints of vanilla... In the mouth, a wide attack, deploying the entire aromatic family of red fruits... An elegant tannic structure, all in roundness, a soft and fresh finish.

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The work of many hands

Château Lamartre is the bond of a family to a land.

It is the daily work of a team managed by Aurélien Baylan,
both at the vines and the winery.

It is the challenging observations of Hannah Fiegenschuh and Simon Blanchard,
enologists from Stéphane Derenoncourt's team.

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