

La Closerie de Fourtet

Saint Emilion Grand Cru
Second wine of Château Clos Fortet
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The second wine of the famous Ch. Clos Fourtet, 1st Growth of St Emilion, worldwide famous appellation, whose landscape is classified at the Unesco world heritage. The low quantity produced makes it a rare product whose renowned pedigree guarantees fame and recognition. The race of the very great terroirs come out of this wine characterized by its aromatic complexity and the finesse of its tannins.

Grape varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc.

On the chalky plateau with aeolian sands that made up the privileged terroir of the great St Emilion wines, Clos Fourtet is at the same time one of the best situated crus and one of the most famous for a long time. Property of 20ha of vines around a genuine residential home dating back from the end of the old regime. Clos F has been built at the gates of the medieval town on huge underground quarries where its wines and noble bottles age in barrels.

It is one of the most visited and admired wine-producing site of St Emilion. Its fame comes from the families Rulleau and Carles, lords of Figeac, who during the 18th century have known how to make the most of this unprofitable soil with low thickness of arable land but having an exceptional natural drainage. The vine produces few because it suffers, essential condition for producing very great wines. The old vines, the judicious percentage of grape varieties, the traditional vinification controlled by up to date technics and the ageing in new barrels in huge cellars favor the expression that nature has given to this Cru.

The Lurton family has taken up the Château in 1949 and has made the vineyard and the wines particularly progress during these last 10 years. In 2001, the property has been bought by P.Cuvelier who has continued its modernization.

Commune : Saint Emilion

Surface : 18 ha

Average age of the vines : 25 years

Density : 6,000 vines per hectare

Terroir : The vineyard is situated on a typical terroir of gravel, pebbles, silica and coarse sand, relatively poor in organic materials. The sub-soil is made up of sand. This particularly drained and poor terroir implies a limited vigour of the vines and a great aromatic concentration.

Ageing of the wine : Picking by hand. The cellar, completely restored, is equipped with sorting tables. A double sorting is done before and after de-stemming. After the macerations, the wines are run off and undergo their malolactic fermentation in small thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks during 3 or 4 weeks (28° to 30°C). The ageing is done in barrels for 15 months.

Tasting notes : This wine has a dense and deep color. It distinguishes itself through a rare aromatic precision of black cherries. Fleshy and full on the attack, it describes a soft and sensual curve. The acidity is low and the tannins are dense and silky. The finish is lingering, fresh and mineral.