

Château Dassault has expanded on the south part of the estate with 12 more hectares located on the clayey-limestone slopes. The vineyard spreads over 39 hectares now and the expansion gives a new dimension to the wine.

The goal was clearly to improve the quality of the wine, goal that we've reached: 2023 is deeper, more precise and elegant.

Area: 39 Ha/96 acres (32 Ha/79 acres in production) **Situation:** on the northern slopes of Saint-Emilion Soil: limestone and clay, clay, clayey soil over sand

70% Merlot, 21 % Cabernet Franc,

Age of vines: 26 years

Committed to the environment: HVE 3, ISO 14001, Bee Friendly

VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

Soil cultivation: superficial ploughing,

Pruning: simple or double guyot according to each plant

Canopy management: debudding

WINEMAKING / AGEING

Harvesting: by hand, with densimetric sorting system.

Winemaking: by plots, in small iron-steel vats with internal temperature control and integral vinification in new oak barrels for cabernet sauvignon

Ageing: 50 % new oak barrels, 23% concrete vats, 12% wooden tanks (foudres), 10% one year oak barrel,

5% amphora

Ageing period: 12 to 16 months depending on plots

PRODUCTION IN 2023

Blending:

72% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

First day of harvest:

Merlot: september 15th - Cabernet Franc: october 2nd - Cabernet Sauvignon: october 6th

Production:

Château Dassault: 80 000 bottles (estimated) - D de Dassault (second wine)

Alcohol 14 % vol. **PH** 3,6