



CHATEAU AUSONE

The 2017 Vintage

Location

The vineyard is exceptionally situated on the heights of Saint-Emilion. Surrounded by rocks, vines are sheltered from the wind and benefit from optimum sun exposure east-south-east.

Planted vineyard area

7.25 hectares.

Nature of soils

Vines spread over a limestone plateau and on a calcareous clay slope.

Plantation density

Between 6,500 and 12,600 vines per hectare.

Average age of vines

52 years (older vines, close to the Chapel, have more than 110 years).

Harvest dates

Merlot : 23th and 25th of September.

Cabernet Franc : 28th and 29th of September.

Wine-growing and wine-making

Viticulture applying methods from organic agriculture. Beyond vines, meticulous care is given to global biodiversity. Traditional fermentation in wooden vats followed by 20 months ageing in French oak barrels (100% new).

2017 Yield

35 hectoliters per hectare.

2017 Blend

55% of Cabernet Franc and 45% of Merlot.

2017 Production

23,000 bottles.

Owner and wine-grower

VAUTHIER family / Managed by Alain VAUTHIER and Pauline VAUTHIER

Wine team

Vineyard Manager : Laurent VALLET. Cellar Master : Philippe BAILLARGUET.

Distribution

Sales through Bordeaux traders.

—✦ 16 Centuries of History ✦—

Traces of vines on the current Château Ausone site date back from late antiquity. In a few strides, the Ausone area provides an opportunity to pass through centuries of local tradition. Naturally, vine cultivation can be found, but also the element of stone through underground quarries, troglodyte habitats and vestiges of a rock cemetery. Since 1690, only one family is taking care of Ausone precious vines, offering an incredible regularity. Today, it is the turn of the 11th generation to pursue this task with patience and devotion.

