

PAUILLAC SICHEL

AOC Pauillac Red



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With the Sichel range we offer the consumer wines that are vinified with the highest levels of competence, selected with severity always representative of the label of origin and which remain affordable. They are quality wines produced to bring guaranteed pleasure.

BACKGROUND

Appellation AOC Pauillac is situated on the left bank of the Gironde and has all the climatic and geological conditions required to produce wines of the highest quality. This AOC boasts three wines that figured in the first five Grands Crus Classés of 1855. With its 1,200ha of vines, Pauillac produces 54,000hl of red wine every year. The terroir for these vines is a knoll of gravelly soil planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and to a lesser extent with Petit Verdot and Malbec. Experts are unanimous that Cabernet Sauvignon is in its element in this terroir.

GRAPE VARIETIES

70 % Cabernet Sauvignon - 25% Merlot - 3% Cabernet Franc - 2% Petit Verdot

TERROIF

Fine, well-drained and well-oriented gravelly soils typical of Pauillac; either sandy gravel, where Cabernet Sauvignon performs best of all, as well as more clayey or clay-and-sand soils, which are reserved for the Merlot.

WINEMAKING/MATURING

The vineyard is tended with a respect for environmental balance. Yields are controlled, the grapes hand-picked. Winemaking: pump-overs and maceration times differ from vat to vat depending on which block the grapes come from and tannic ripeness. Alcoholic fermentation: in wood and stainless steel vats, temperature-controlled. Maceration 15-20 days. Malolactic fermentation in wood and stainless steel vats Aged 20 months in oak barrels.

▶ VINTAGE 2017 ► Alc: 12.5%

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully coloured with deep purple tints, this wine offers all the richness and elegance typical of this prestigious appellation. Grown in the very best terroirs and vinified with the same meticulous care as the grands crus, it offers up a bouquet suggestive of pepper and liquorice along with fresh red fruit aromas. The silky, aromatic attack is followed by an elegantly structured mid-palate that goes hand in hand with moderate extract and notes of pure cassis. The distinguished finish is typical of this exceptional terroir.

AGEING

Can be enjoyed while young (2-3 years after vintage) but has cellaring potential for quite a few years more.

Blend

72 % Cabernet Sauvignon - 26 % Merlot - 2 % Cabernet Franc

BOTTLING

Bottled for Maison Sichel