Faizeau means "petite faize" (little faize) after the Benedictine Abbey of Faize situated near the estate which, among other things, owned vines in Pauillac and Saint-Émilion. Built on the slopes of the Tertre de Calon, the highest point in the Libourne area, the Château is one of the oldest winemaking terroirs in the Bordeaux region. Indeed, it was already included on Belleyme's map in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The Château Faizeau vineyard is of very high quality and benefits from a magnificent terroir. Situated on a plateau running east to west, it enjoys long periods of sunshine throughout the day and a clay and limestone terroir with windblown sand here and there. Since 2010, Château Faizeau has relied on the advice of the oenologist Michel Rolland and his team, in order to optimize the potential of its exceptional terroir.



# CHÂTEAU FAIZEAU MONTAGNE-SAINT-ÉMILION AOP

## THE ESTATE

OWNER Helfrich Family

CONSULTANT Julien Viaud, Rolland & Associés

TECHNICAL MANAGER Vincent Cachau

EXPLOITATION MANAGER Sébastien Villenave

# **CULTIVATION**

Château Faizeau is certified **HVE3** (High Environmental Value Level 3) since the 2019 vintage.

#### THE VINEYARD

SURFACE AREA

12 Ha

PRODUCTION SURFACE AREA

11 Ha

GRAPE VARIETIES
Merlot, Cabernet-Franc

AVERAGE DENSITY 6666 vines/Ha

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES 24 years

SOIL

Sandy-silt and clay-sand, subsoil composed of Fronsadais molasses covered with carbonate sands and clays.

# **VINIFICATION, AGEING & BLEND**

**VINIFICATION** 

Single vineyard selection, destemming, direct fermentation, micro-oxygenation between fermentations AGEING

12 months in oak barrels, 50% new - 50% one year BLEND

100% Merlot

## **PRODUCTION**

**HARVEST** 

Hand-picked, from 19/09/2022 to 27/09/2022

Yield: 40 hl/Ha

Production: 50 000 bt

# **CLIMATE CONDITIONS**

2022 was characterised by a relatively dry and mild winter, leading to a median bud break at the end of March. As the frost, at the beginning of April, occurred very early in the cycle, the secondary buds developed rapidly. The spring, also mild and dry, favored the growth, making the vintage median to early. Flowering was fast, observed from the end of May, while post-flowering was more uneven. The summer was punctuated by recurrent periods of hot temperatures, up to 4 degrees above seasonal norms. The veraison, slowed down in some places, lasted until the first decade of August. Despite these extraordinary conditions, the sanitary state of the vineyard is excellent. The various vineyard jobs (debudding, adapted leaf removal, soil preparation) and the expertise of the

teams allowed to deal with this unusual year. The first Merlots at Château Faizeau were harvested on September 19.

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## **TECHNICAL DATA**

ALCOHOL TOTAL ACIDITY 15,5% vol 3,6g/L

PH IPT 3,6 95

ANTHOCYANINS 700mg