

Château Lestage Simon is located in the southern part of the Médoc, in the village of Saint-Seurin-de-Cadourne.

Situated alongside the prestigious appellations of Pauillac and Saint-Estèphe, this terroir is one of those with which nature has been more than generous. The estate extends over plots of deep gravel beds close to the Gironde. The vineyard is broken up into smaller islets, each with its own characteristics and different maturity dates. Since the 2010 vintage, Château Lestage-Simon has relied on the expert advice of Michel Rolland and his team, which intervenes at the key stages of the whole cycle.



## CHÂTEAU LESTAGE SIMON HAUT-MÉDOC AOP

### THE ESTATE

#### OWNER

Helfrich Family

#### CONSULTANT

Julien Viaud, Rolland & Associés

#### TECHNICAL MANAGER

Vincent Cachau

#### EXPLOITATION MANAGER

Benoît De Malleray

### CULTIVATION

Château Lestage Simon is certified **HVE3** (High Environmental Value Level 3) since the 2018 vintage.

### THE VINEYARD

#### SURFACE AREA

**36** Ha

#### PRODUCTION SURFACE AREA

**31** Ha

#### GRAPE VARIETIES

**77%** Merlot

**15%** Petit Verdot

**8%** Cabernet-Sauvignon

#### AVERAGE DENSITY

**6666** vines/Ha

#### AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES

**18** years

#### SOIL

Clay-limestone, gravelly-clay and sandy-clay. Upper Eocene limestone subsoil and clayey gravel.

### VINIFICATION, AGEING & BLEND

#### VINIFICATION

Plot selection. Traditional vinification with reasoned extraction and maceration in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats.

#### AGEING

12 months in oak barrels, 50% new – 50% one year

#### BLEND

77% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot, 8% Cabernet-Sauvignon

### PRODUCTION

#### HARVEST

Sorted mechanical, from 21/09/2022 to 14/10/2022

Yield: 20 hl/Ha

Production: 35 000 bt

### CLIMATE CONDITIONS

The 2022 growing year began with a relatively mild winter. Then, drought and mild temperatures set the tone for this exceptional vintage in many ways, resulting in a median bud break. The mildness of the spring combined with some welcome wet periods moved the vintage from median to early. The flowering, favored by good conditions, was rapid. Then, heat waves followed one another, with effects partly attenuated by some saving rains at the end of June (which were unfortunately accompanied by a particularly violent episode of hail) and mid-August. The veraison, slowed down in some places, lasted until the first decade of August. But this was without counting on the capacity of the vines to adapt, which drew on their water reserves, limiting the hydric stress. The various vineyard jobs and the involvement of the teams allowed to deal with this unusual year.

At Château Lestage Simon, the first Merlots are harvested on September 21.

### TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL  
14,5% vol

TOTAL ACIDITY  
3,5g/L

PH  
3,75

IPT  
100

ANTHOCYANINS  
700mg

famille  
**HELFRICH**  
Propriétaire - viticulteur

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