



FIGEAC

1st Great Classified Growth

2006 Vintage

Geographical situation and vineyard:

Situated half-way between Saint Emilion and Libourne on the D 243 road, the estate of Château Figeac is in one single block covering an area of 53 hectares (130.91 acres), of which 40 hectares (98.8 acres) are under vine.

Figeac can definitely claim originality with its vines planted over three gravel hills and its unusual proportions of grape varieties for Saint Emilion:

- 35% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 35% Cabernet Franc
- and only 30% Merlot

The vines have an average age of 35 years, and those that produced the wine for the first label have an average of 45 years.

Vineyard management:

Sustainable viticulture techniques are carried out in the vines of Figeac. In those soils where gravel predominates, traditional ploughing is done; only a few plots have grass seeded between the rows, in order to keep down the yields more easily.

Weather conditions:

The spring weather conditions were quite favourable for the flowering and threatened to produce a bumper harvest. However, a hot and very dry July, followed by a cool but moderately rainy August brought about a lesser than expected development in the berries.

This led to yields that were closer to 36 hectolitres per hectare than the authorised 48 for Saint Emilion Grands Crus.

Harvest:

The Merlot was picked from the 15th to the 21st September, whilst the Cabernet Franc was brought in from the 27th to the 29th and the Cabernet Sauvignon from the 30th September to the 3rd October.

Taking into account the evolution in canopy management techniques (de-leafing and crop thinning especially), these dates can be considered as normal.

