



# PAVIE MACQUIN

1st Great Classified Growth

## **2006 Vintage**

### **Situation:**

On the Saint Emilion plateau: clay-limestone soils on asteria limestone rock.

### **Surface area:**

15 hectares (37 acres)

### **Density of plantation:**

6000 plants per hectare

### **Grape varieties:**

- 80 % Merlot
- 15 % Cabernet Franc
- 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

### **Average age of the vines:**

35 years

### **Yield:**

30 hectolitres per hectare

### **Vineyard management:**

Fifteen years of soil and vine management broadly based on bio-dynamic viticultural methods, biological studies of the soils, rejection of weedkiller use, fertilisation with composts and examination of accompanying plants for the vines. Crop thinning is carried out in two stages: one after the closing of the bunches in order to eliminate compacting of the fruit, and the second at grape colour change to regulate both the crop load and the ripening. De-leafing is then done to complete this work so as to ensure that the grapes reach ripeness in perfect health.

### **Growing season:**

After a dry winter and spring, conducive to good vine growing, the beginning of the summer promised another scorchingly hot vintage until the drastic change in the weather in August, which was particularly grey. We then had to manage the crop as well as we could and fight against an exceptionally hot and humid September which brought about a certain fragility in the grapes. The picking took place from mid-September to the beginning of October during the sunny periods between the rain showers.

