CHÂTEAU SAINT-GEORGES SAINT-GEORGES-SAINT-ÉMILION



Once a walled fortress, Château St. Georges sits impressively atop a prominent hillside overlooking St. Émilion and Montagne. It has long produced the best known wine of the tiny satellite appellation St. Georges-St.-Émilion. The vineyard is comprised of 60% Merlot and 20% each Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, with the oldest Merlot vines planted in the 1950's. Château St.-Georges consistently produces a rich, ripe wine that is supple, fruity yet well-structured, a wine that can give immense pleasure when young and with the ability to age gracefully for 15 to 20 years.

Region:	Bordeaux
Appellation:	Saint-George- Saint-Émilion
Owner:	Desbois Family, since 1891
Established:	1772
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Vineyard:	45 ha
Soil:	Clay and Limestone
Grape Varieties:	60% Merlot 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc
Age of Vines:	35 years
Yield/Hectare	39 hl/ha
Avg Production:	220,000 bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Upon harvest, grapes go through a four day cold soak in order to extract tannins, aromatic complexity and color. Temperature controlled fermentation is followed by a five week cuvaison. The wine is racked into barrels where it goes through malolactic conversion. Aging is for 12-14 months in barrique.

Tasting Notes: A well-balanced wine with silky tannins and a fine attack. Firm finish with notes of red and black fruit and a hint of oak. Classic notes of plums, cassis, and cedar abound.

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