



### 2012 vintage

The 201st vintage of the Despagne family on the Grand Corbin terroir.

#### Harvesting dates :

- 04/10/12 for the Merlot
- 11/10/12 for the Cabernet-Franc

#### 2012 blend :

- 75% Merlot
- 24% Cabernet-Franc
- 1% Cabernet-Sauvignon

#### Ageing :

- 50% new barrels
- 50% second-fill and third-fill barrels

**Yield :** 34 hl/ha

**Production forecast :** 75,000 bottles

### General technical data

**Family-owned estate since 1812**

**Location :** In the north of the Saint-Emilion appellation, adjacent to Pomerol

**Appellation :** Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**Classification :** Grand Cru Classé

**Surface area:** 28.79 hectares (71 acres)

**Soils :** Clay-sand over iron deposits and ancient sands over clay

**Average age of the vines :** 39 years

**Rootstocks :** 101-14, 3309, Riparia

**Density of plantation :** 6,000 to 7,000 vines per hectare

**Vine-growing methods :** Ploughing or a grass cover crop without any use of weedkillers, certified AFAQ-AFNOR as an integrated vineyard.

In the process of converting to an Organically-Grown Vineyard since 2010 (2012: third year in the conversion process) under the control of Agrocet FR-007.

**Canopy management work :** De-budding, removal of double shoots, de-leaving, crop thinning, removal of lateral shoots

**Harvesting :** By hand in small crates with 4 successive sortings

**Vinification :** Different operations that can vary according to plot batches and vintage : numerous short pump-overs, rack and return (délestage) and punching down of the cap (pigeage)

**Bottling :** 21 months after the harvest

**Annual production :** 70,000 à 100,000 bottles depending on the vintage

**Second wine :** Petit Corbin-Despagne Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

