

# **RÉSERVE SPÉCIALE SAINT-EMILION 2015**

The Lafite Rothschild family has been producing wine in Bordeaux since 1868. For six generations, they got to know this beautiful landscape and understand the unique traits of the vines from each appellation. Three decades ago, the family was inspired to create a new wine series, where each wine would be the epitome of the appellation it came from. Their motivation was simple – to ensure wine lovers everywhere could dive into Bordeaux and taste the originality of each appellation. And so, Réserve Spéciale range was born.

## ■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation: AOC Saint-Emilion, Bordeaux, France

#### **■ VINTAGE SUMMARY**

The 2015 vintage was characterised by a rather late bud burst, a quick and uniform flowering which took place under very favourable conditions (low rainfall and above-average temperatures). July was very hot (with a near-heatwave between 30 June and 6 July) and dry (20 mm of rain, like in 2010). August, however, was quite wet (90 mm on average) compared with the past fifteen years. Véraison (end July/beginning August) was quick and uniform. At a Bordeaux level, 2015 is a very good vintage, though marked by a certain lack of uniformity due to the patchy rainfall in August and September.

#### ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Traditional, in stainless-steel vats.

#### **■ TASTING NOTES**

Colour: Ruby of medium intensity.

Nose: Intense and complex nose, with aromas of wax, exotic woods, cocoa powder.

Palate: Balanced and flattering, medium structure with fine and elegant tannins, and long aromatic persistence.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: Merlot 85%, Cabernet franc 15%

