

2016 Château Saint Emilion de Quintus

The Spirit of Quintus

This wine will take its natural place as an equal alongside the red and white wines of Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion, thereby becoming the 5th child in this illustrious family. The Gallo-Romans, creators of the vineyards of Saint-Emilion, had the habit of naming their 5th child Quintus (fifth). Therefore, Domaine Clarence Dillon has decided to pay homage to its glorious predecessors by re-baptizing this growth Château Quintus. 5 (V) a number that characterises this estate with its slopes and parcels of vines reaching towards the four cardinal directions, and reclining before the very sky to which the farmers glance on a daily basis to glean what the heavens have in store. The ancient Tour de Guet and even further back, in the Celtic period, an oppidum (a defended hill fort) on the plateau overlooking Saint Emilion, almost certainly at this same site were the inspiration for the estate's second wine, Le Dragon de Quintus – a mythical creature that stands as guardian and protector of its treasure, a spectacular terroir. A new bottle shape specially-designed for Quintus was also introduced, modelled on those used by Château Haut-Brion in the mid-19th century and recently unearthed in a pirates' lair on the island of Mayotte, in the Indian Ocean. Like their predecessors, these bottles have a raised seal engraved in the glass.



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Variety: Merlot 61%; Cabernet Sauvignon 11%; Cabernet Franc 28%

Vintage: 2016

Region: Bordeaux

Winemakers: Haut-Brion Winemaking Team

Alcohol: 14%

Tasting Notes: Beautiful deep red colour with crimson highlights. The bouquet features very ripe fruit with lively spicy nuances. Refined oak completes an aromatic profile that invariably creates the desire to go ahead and take a sip.

Aging: 12 % new barrels and barrels previously used for 1-2 vintages

Drink between now and 2025.

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“Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Saint-Emilion features expressive notions of warm blackberries, black cherry compote and baked plums with hints of tobacco leaf, wild sage and underbrush. Medium-bodied, the palate has a great intensity of black fruits and wonderfully plush tannins with a compelling savoriness to the finish”.

Saint Emilion

According to UNESCO, “the Jurisdiction of Saint-Émilion is an outstanding example of an historic vineyard landscape that has survived intact and in activity to the present day”. Well aware of its special status, the Communauté de Communes de la Jurisdiction de Saint-Émilion asked to be listed as a World Heritage Site. In 1999, for the first time ever, a vineyard landscape was acknowledged as a “cultural landscape” worthy of listing as a World Heritage Site.

Saint-Emilion de Quintus is grown on the same soil and terroirs as Château Quintus and Le Dragon de Quintus and receives the same care. The vineyard constitutes 28 hectares with vines enjoying an average age of 30 years. This red wine is the most recent addition to the constellation of Domaine Clarence Dillon’s wines (Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion) – 2014 is the first vintage of the wine.