

DRAGON DE QUINTUS 2016

Appellation Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

~ Background ~

In June 2011, Domaine Clarence Dillon, owners of Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion, acquired a beautiful estate in Saint-Emilion, today renamed Château Quintus. In October 2013, Château Quintus in turn acquired the neighboring property, Château L'Arrosée, and these two exceptional estates are now united in order to produce one of the very finest wines of Saint-Emilion. "By uniting these two exceptional estates we have improved our team's ability to make one of the very finest wines of Saint-Emilion. This merger of equals will prove that the whole can be greater than the two parts. I am confident that this vineyard will soon come to rival its Domaine Clarence Dillon siblings as one of the finest wines of our region" Prince Robert of Luxembourg (President, Quintus SAS) Quintus remains a new adventure for the family company, just two years in to its ownership, with the huge potential of this beautiful piece of land just slowly being awakened.

The inspiration for the name "Dragon de Quintus" came from the vineyard's privileged location on a promontory at the edge of the Saint-Emilion plateau, as well as from the history of the watchtower built there to defend the village. In Western mythology, the dragon is represented as a very intelligent creature, usually the guardian of a priceless treasure benefitting from exceptional sight. This symbol of the keeper and protector of a magic terroir, observing this boundless panorama, is how we came to personify the second wine of Château Quintus.



~ Viticulture ~

- **Blend: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc.**
- Yield: 45.1 hl / ha
- Perched on a 62-meter-high limestone hillock.
- The form of the land itself is characterized by a stratum of limestone that lies in crisscross shelves across the south-facing slopes of the plateau. The limestone to the north of the property is replaced by a varied mixture of clayey sands and gravels,
- Average age of the vines is 30 years
- The cultural practices are traditional and combine the soil labor and the natural grass growth
- Vines are pruned with the "Double Guyot" technique



90 Points: Blended of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2016 le Dragon de Quintus leaps from the glass with bold

blackberry preserves, stewed plums and wild blueberry scents plus suggestions of new leather, menthol and pencil shavings. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers mouth-coating black and blue fruit preserves with a velvety frame and lovely spicy sparks on the finish.



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~ Winemaking ~

- Vinify using both modern and traditional techniques
- Picking is done by hand.
- After sorting, wooden vats are used for the alcoholic fermentation of the wine, as well as stainless steel vats for both alcoholic and malolactic fermentation.
- Wine is blended then aged in oak.
- 29% new French oak barrels are used
- Production: 33000 bottles (estimation)

93 Points: A delicious and fresh St-Emilion with ripe blackberries and a subtle, mineral note that shows clearly on the long, crisp and juicy finish. Second wine of Château Quintus. Already friendly, but better from 2020.



~ Tasting Notes ~

Beautiful red colour with mauve highlights. Ripe and fairly intense bouquet of crunchy red fruit (cherry). The oak is already well-integrated. The wine starts of quite smooth on the palate, immediately going on to reveal excellent fruit. It develops softly on the palate with plenty of tannin, but that is rich and never aggressive. This 2016 Dragon de Quintus is unquestionably the most full and complete made since 2011.

