

# CHATEAU HAUT LA GRACE DIEU 2019

## AOP Saint-Emillon Grand Cru

### ~ Background ~

The Saby family's vineyard is structured around 3 properties managed by the same team of men and women united behind Jean-Bernard Saby and his two sons Jean-Christophe and Jean-Philippe: Vignoble de Rozier, Vignoble de Hauchat and Vignoble de Saint André de Corbin.

The first plot of Chateau Haut La Grace Dieu was acquired in 1796 by the dynamic Saby Family. This small estate of only 1.20 hectare is located in Bordeaux's famous Saint Emilion appellation. Château Haut la Grâce Dieu is the alliance of two parcels: one is located on the clay-limestone hillside in Saint Laurent des Combes, the other on the deep sands of the Grâce Dieu sector. Thus, this wine is the expression of the natural power of two terroirs of reference in Saint Emilion. It is incontestably recognized as one of the best Grands Crus of Saint Emilion.

Today, brothers Jean-Philippe and Jean-Christophe Saby, both of whom are experienced oenologists and agricultural engineers, own and manage the estate as well as numerous other family-owned chateaux in the St. Emilion region of Bordeaux.



Jean-Bernard, Jean-Christophe & Jean-Philippe Saby



### ~ Viticulture ~

- **100% Merlot**
- Soil is chalky clay on hill and bottom hills.
- 1.20 hectares.
- Density of 5,400 vines/hectare.
- Average vine age 40 years.
- Green harvest of all immature and open grapes to give focus the vine's resources on the best bunches. Only 6-8 clusters left on each vine.
- Manual harvest and sorting by hand.



### ~ Winemaking ~

The Saby brothers use a combination of traditional and modern vinification techniques to extract maximum fruit and concentration from their harvest.

- Manual selection at a sorting table.
- Vinification in cement vats. Pre-fermentation cold maceration for 3-4 days. Maceration during 3 weeks.
- 18 months for 18 months in French oak barrels (50% new and 50% one year old) from 5 coopers.
- No filtering or fining.
- 4,600 bottles
- Only 400 cases produced.

### ~ Tasting Notes ~

*Purple color, dense, purple reflections. Delicate and persistent nose, aromas of hazelnut, aromas of ripe fruits, aromas of liquorice, subtle aromas of cocoa, coffee aromas, toasted aromas. Gourmand, concentrated, silky, notes of stewed fruits, melted tannins, silky tannins, velvety tannins, round, structured body, strong intensity, long persistence.*



### 92 Points.

From a vineyard in the east of Saint-Émilion, this is a smoothly ripe and dense wine. Concentrated black fruits show power, working with the tannins to create a wine with potential. Drink from 2024.