

# CHATEAU ROZIER 2016

## Appellation Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

### ~ Background ~

The first plot of Chateau Rozier 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.

Chateau Rozier was recently taken over by the dynamic Saby family, owners of numerous other estates in the region. Prior to 2003, the vineyards were managed and the wine marketed on an exclusive basis by Jean-Pierre MOUIEX, renowned for his top quality wines. The Saby family has been making wine in the Libournais region for 9 generations. Both of the current family winemakers are oenologists, and they make the most of their modern expertise while respecting their father and grandfather's traditional knowledge.

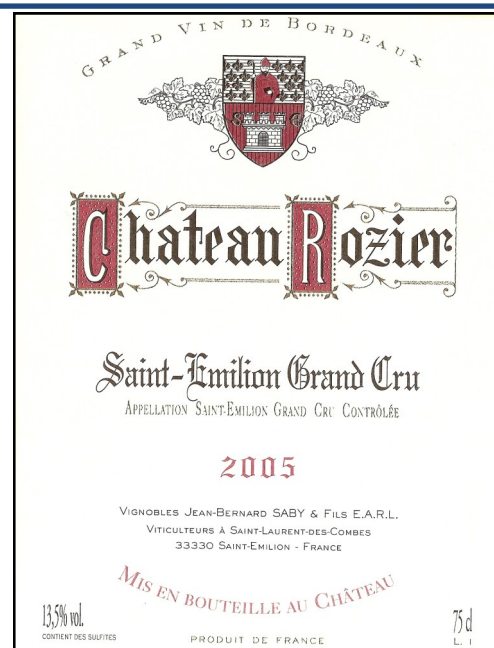


### ~ Viticulture ~

- **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.

### ~ Tasting Notes ~

Dark ruby red color. On the nose perfumes of cassis and red fruits. Very strong oak influences. On the palate medium to full bodied and low to medium acidity, with concentrated fruits from black currant, blackberries, plum and cherries. It's quite powerful, but still dominated by the oak and tannins still strong. Pleasant medium to long finish. I think this wine can benefit from some time to settle down, and will definitely improve in the coming years.



### ~ 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.



**89-91 pts:** The 2015 Rozier has a simple but fresh bouquet with crushed strawberry and cranberry scents wafting from the glass. The palate is well balanced with succulent red fruit, fleshy with good body, a little rusticity toward the finish. It's no more, no less than a well-crafted, delicious Saint Émilion to savor over the next 6-8 years.