



Chateau Simard

SAINT-EMILION 2000

With a legacy that dates back to the 17th century, Château Simard is located near the ancient and beautiful town of Saint-Émilion. Called the hill of 1,000 châteaux, Saint-Émilion is home to the Right Bank's most prestigious estates.

This classic blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc harvested from the Chateau's 40 Hectares of vines averaging 40-50 years old produces a wine of exceptional elegance.

Until 2008, Chateau Simard was owned by Claude (Coco) Maziere, a bit of a curmudgeon. He sold only one vintage at time, and had no stainless steel, or wood barrels, preferring to use the traditional Bordeaux method of concrete vats and long maceration. Further, when Saint Emilion established its rating system similar to Medoc in 1955, Chateau Simard was rated as a Grand Cru. Mr. Maziere, preferring to march to his own drummer, did not put this rating on his labels.

In 2008, with the passing of Mr. Maziere, the property was inherited by his nephew, Alain Vauthier who owns the famous and prestigious "Premier Grand Cru Classe A" Chateau Ausone (one of only two to achieve this level when Saint Emilion ratings began in 1955). We will see some changes to the Chateau in the future.

Simard 2000

2000 Bordeaux was a vintage of legendary status, and even today, the wine continues to display its opulent character. It's important to keep in mind, 2000 Bordeaux wine was the first perfect vintage for both banks in a decade. You have to go back to 1990 to find a year that excelled in the Medoc, Pomerol, St. Emilion and Pessac Leognan. 2000 Bordeaux wine was great from top to bottom, and is the type of vintage wine lovers can never have enough of in their cellars.

The rich, pure, concentrated, opaque purple-colored 2000 Simard displays all the hallmarks of this great vintage - power, intensity, depth, and ripeness.

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