## CHÂTEAU PAVIE-DECESSE Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Appellation Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

> *Classification* Grand Cru Classé

*Location* Sud-est du village de Saint-Emilion

> Area under vine 3.65 hectares

*Grape varieties* 90% merlot, 10% de cabernet franc

> Average age of the vines 43 years

> > Annual production 7800 bottles



## Geological characteristics

The estate is located on the Saint-Emilion limestone plateau, approximately 85 meters above the Dordogne River. The soil is largely clay-limestone with an asteriated limestone subsoil.

## Viticulture

Pruned to six spurs, green harvesting, with an initial leaf thinning on the eastern side of the vines on late June and a second in mid-August in the western side. Hand picking and hand sorting of grapes.

## Vinification

Pavie-Decesse is fermented in 3 wooden temperaturecontrolled vats to keep different lots of wine separate in order to fine tune the final blend. The wine stays on the skins for 3 weeks. Malolactic fermentation in barrel.

Pavie-Decesse is fermented in new oak barrels for 18 to 24 months with racking every 3 months. Final blending takes place just before bottling, without fining or filtering.

