

## CHÂTEAU BILLEROND SAINT-ÉMILION

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Cassis and dark plum fruit on the nose. Light to medium-bodied. Lovely, soft Merlot fruit with ripe tannins, red berry flavors and a restrained herbal and toast character on the tongue. It sees no oak aging, thereby retaining all its fresh fruit character. Serve at room temperature. It is the perfect match for easygoing food and even better as an aperitif.

Château Billerond is a property of 40 acres toward the eastern part of the village of Saint Emilion. The soils are clayey with sandy parts and iron oxide in the subsoil. The vines have an average of 25-30 years. 100% fermented in stainless steel after a pre ferment maceration of one week. Pressed vertically for a very soft extraction. The wine is vinified without the use of oak to make a fresh, medium-bodied style.

Located in the Bordeaux region, on the Right Bank of the Dordogne, the village of Saint Emilion overlooks vineyards with an outstanding history. Saint Emilion was built from limestone rock omnipresent in the subsoil. The village retains its strong medieval identity. Wine growers are farmers specialized in viticulture. They plant vines, train them, prune them, protect them, and plough the soil in order to produce precious grapes they will later make into a wine that Louis the 14th called "nectar of the gods".

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after fermentation, ageing, bottling, and sales. Saint Emilion produces a huge variety of wines with different personalities. Each one reflects its terroir, blend of grape varieties, the way the vines were grown, and how the wine was fermented and aged, as well as the expertise of the winemaker — an art very much worth discovering.

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## Tasting Note:

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## Shelf Talker:

