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# CHATEAU SAINT-VALERY

## Saint-Emilion Grand Cru AOC

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### VINEYARDS

Area of the vineyard: 25 acres  
Sandy- gravely soil  
Average age of the vines: 35 years

### WINEMAKING

Age of Barrel: 1/3 new, 1/3 one year, 1/3 two years  
Aging time: 12 months  
Yield: Yield: 38 hl per hectare

**GRAPES** 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

**MERLOT** is the most planted variety in Bordeaux, and it has also become an extremely fashionable red in many regions including California. Although it has a reputation to be smooth, and easy to drink when young, Merlot is also capable of producing extremely intense wines as well. Its softness and "fleshiness", combined with its earlier ripening, makes Merlot an ideal grape to blend with the sterner, later-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon.

**CABERNET** Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the world's most widely recognized red wine grape varieties. Despite its prominence in the world of wine, the grape is a relatively new variety being the product of a chance crossing between Cabernet franc and Sauvignon blanc sometime during the 17th century in southwestern France. One of the most noted traits of Cabernet Sauvignon is its affinity for oak, either during fermentation or in barrel aging. In addition to having a softening effect on the grape's naturally high tannins, the unique wood flavors of vanilla and spice complement the natural grape flavors of black currant and tobacco.

**TASTING NOTES** Ruby red color. Wonderful aromatic concentration on the nose with ripe raspberries and strawberries beautifully integrated with liquorice and caramel giving tremendous sophistication. Voluptuous velvety texture on the palate with terrific balance between the ripe fruits and silky soft tannins.

**FOOD PAIRING** New York Steak with Potato Leek Gratin, Baby Carrots Bordelaise Sauce