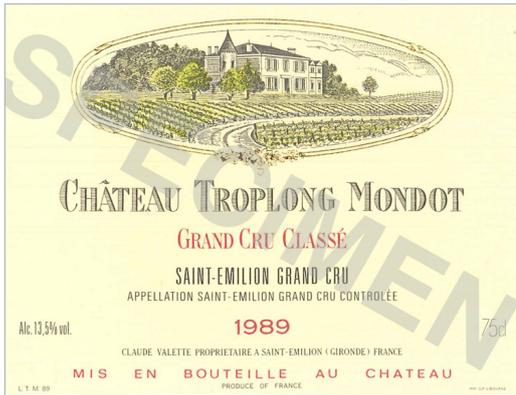


TROPLONG MONDOT

1^{ER} GRAND CRU CLASSE
SAINT-ÉMILION



1989 VINTAGE

SAINT-ÉMILION GREAT CLASSIFIED GROWTH

VINIFICATION

Traditional wine-making in vats for maceration and fermentation. The free-run wine was put in 54 % of new oak barrels for ageing, during 12 to 24 months. The harvest grapes arrived at the vats at a very high temperature, with high contents of sugars in the must. The cabernets franc and the cabernets sauvignon reached a very good maturity and quality.

THE 1998 CAMPAIGN

1989 was a vintage that will remain many years in all our memories. Thanks to favourable weather conditions throughout the whole of the season, the grapes were outstandingly rich in sugar and exceptionally early-ripening. Apart from a cool, damp April, the months leading up to the end of October were all much warmer and sunnier than the average of the previous thirty years. Bud-break was around ten days ahead of normal schedule. A very hot, very sunny May brought about a rapid shooting of the vines. The first signs of flowering were observed around May 20. Mid-flowering point occurred on May 29, two weeks earlier than normal. June, July and August were especially hot and sunny. The mid-point of grape colour change was reached on August 4, sixteen days ahead of normal schedule.

Overall, the vines did not suffer any lack of water. September was hot, dry and sunny. The harvest took place from September 11 to 23, pausing on the 15th until 21st September 1989.

TASTING

A dense ruby-purple colour. The nose displays aromas of blackberry, black cherry, smoke and hints of cocoa. Savoury and very balanced on the palate and pleasant due to its wide range of flavours. Good backbone and a very long finish. This is an elegant wine with power and concentration. A truly great vintage.

SITUATION

THE TROPLONG MONDOT VINEYARD
COVERS 33 HECTARES (81 ACRES) ON THE
CLAY-LIMESTONE PLATEAU TO THE EAST
OF THE VILLAGE OF SAINT-ÉMILION

DENSITY OF PLANTATION

6.600 VINES / HA

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BLEND

85% MERLOT

15% CABERNET FRANC

AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES

45 YEARS

YIELD 1989

49 HECTOLITRES PER HECTARE

PRODUCTION AFTER BLENDING

TROPLONG MONDOT : 136.460 BOTTLES

MONDOT : 24.980 BOTTLES

ALCOHOL DEGREE ON BOTTLE

13,5°

SECOND WINE

MONDOT

OWNERS

XAVIER PARIENTE

CHRISTINE VALETTE-PARIENTE

CELLARMASTER

JEAN PIERRE TALEYSON

VINEYARD MANAGER

RÉMY MONRIBOT

SALES & MARKETING

MANAGER

MYRIAM RUER