



VIGNOBLE

# PAS DE L'ANE

*Saint-Emilion Grand Cru*



## Château Le Cros

*Appellation* SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU

*Grape varieties* 85% merlot / 5% cabernet franc / 10% cabernet sauvignon

*Average age of the vines* 45 years old

*Production* 18,500 bottles/year

### *Soile Profile*

- Clayey sand with iron dirt

### *Viticulture*

Grape vines are pruned to gradually renew trunks and cordons and to develop the fruiting wood close to the trunk. Before the planting, row middles are grassed over at all times to limit the use of grass killers. Single Guyot and Double Guyot pruning are carried out on the vines. Choosing the best pruning method depends on vigor, disbudding, thinning out, leaf stripping and green harvesting to control yields and the sanitary state of the grapes.

### *Harvest*

Grapes are manually and mechanically harvested to adapt to climatic variability among vintages. Grapes are stored in small crates, shaken and tipped into truck to limit sun exposure and to respect them. Whatever we choose to do, the selected grapes are always carefully cleaned on sorting table.

### *Winemaking*

Vinification in wooden and thermo-regulated vats. During the alcoholic fermentations, juices are slowly pumped up from the bottom of the tank and splashed over the top of the fermenting must 2 or 3 times a day. It enables a soft color and fruit extraction. A 12-month ageing in barrels already used 1 to 3 times (oak from Chênes de l'Allier, Seguin Moreau and Quintessence) in air-conditioned wineries with a humidity-control system.