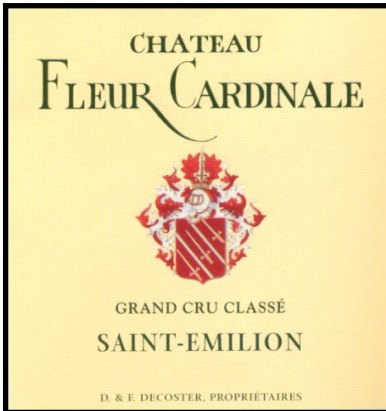


CHÂTEAU FLEUR CARDINALE

SAINT EMILION 2015



The estate was bought in 2001 by Florence and Dominique Decoster, and it has benefited from major investments which have made Château Fleur Cardinale one of the top names of the appellation. It is located to the east of the village of Saint-Émilion, on one of the high points of the appellation and it extends over 20 hectares. The vineyard is planted in a clay-limestone soil in the middle of the plateau on a pleasant late producing terroir. The vines are mainly merlot (70%) and then a balance of 15% cabernet sauvignon and 15% cabernet franc.

Chateau Fleur Cardinale is located next door to Valandraud and Rol Valentin. Chateau Faugeres is only a stones throw away as well and Chateau Pressac is only a few minutes away.



The 24.5 hectare St. Emilion vineyard of Fleur Cardinale is planted to 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc at a vine density of 6,500 vines per hectare. The new 24.5 hectare vineyard includes 4 hectares of vines that were added to the estate in 2012.

The vines are old, with an average age of 40 years. They have older vines, with some of their Merlot vines dating back 60 years.

The terroir is dark red clay over limestone soil in the St. Etienne-de-Lisse sector, which is situated due east of the St. Emilion village. The vineyard is ideally situated, on a gentle slope, next to the chateau.

Fleur Cardinale has a cooler, late ripening terroir, which coupled with the Decoster's drive for picking ripe fruit, often has Fleur Cardinale being one of the last chateau to finish harvesting in the Right Bank.

The vineyard is farmed using organic, self-sustainable farming techniques. In 2013, Fleur Cardinale was awarded their certification by the Environmental Management System (S.M.E.).

Ifleur Cardinale takes its name was the myriad of roses and other brightly colored flowers that are planted in front and surrounding the chateau, which is the family home.

With it's great value for money, and showing great consistency in it's quality, Château Fleur Cardinale was promoted to "Saint-Emilion Grand cru classé" in 2006.

"Super rich baking spices across ripe dark plums in a very suave and attractively styled nose. The palate has incredible depth and succulently seductive, fleshy plum flavors. Wow. Try from 2022."

-96 James Suckling



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