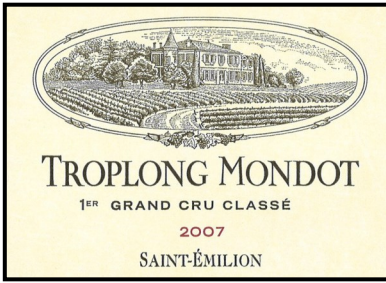


# CHÂTEAU TROPLONG MONDOT

## SAINT-ÉMILION



At the beginning of the 18th century, the Mondot estate belonged to the de Sèze family. In 1850, Raymond-Théodore Troplong acquired Mondot. It was Edouard Troplong who, at the death of Raymond, inherited the vineyard. Following a trend at that period, he added Mondot to his own name. At the beginning of the 20th century, the Valette family bought the property shaped by its previous owners. At the beginning of the 1980's, Christine and Xavier Pariente improved the quality of their wines and its renown around the world.

Xavier Pariente, in a close collaboration with Jean-Philippe Fort, his winemaker and Claude and Lydia Bourguignon, specialists in sustainable development in soils, conducted an ecological study of the parcellar cultural profile to restore the biodiversity of the soils. The vineyard has been restructured and today, a third of the property is cultivated and worked only with horses. For decades, no insecticide nor pesticide has been used. A sustainable, original and innovative cultural approach is set up.

Troplong Mondot is rewarded in 2006 by the ten-yearly classification of Saint-Émilion, placing Troplong Mondot First Great Classified Growth.

Château Troplong Mondot with its 33 ha is considered a large estate as most of the properties in this area are usually no bigger than 10 ha. It sits on the top of a hill, and dominates the surrounding countryside; the gentle south west slope overlooking the village of Saint-Émilion and the sharp south facing hill which extends to Château Pavie.

The vineyard is planted on this plateau where it has optimal sunlight and perfect natural drainage. The average age of the vines is thirty years old, they flourish and reach perfection in a limestone clay soil enhanced with sedimentary fragments of flint and chalk.

Merlot is the royal varietal of this region and the most widely planted which gives the powerful structure to their wines, in other words, its body and flexibility, whereas Cabernet Franc gives it delicacy and elegance and Cabernet Sauvignon its personality and long life.



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