



# CHATEAU DE FERRAND

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ SAINT-ÉMILION

v i n t a g e 2020



## TASTING NOTES

JAMES SUCKLING	94/100
WINE SPECTATOR	92/100
DECANTER	94/100
JEB DUNNUCK	94/100
ALEXANDRE MA	94+/100

## Blend:

- 74 % Merlot
- 25 % Cabernet Franc
- 1 % Cabernet Sauvignon



## BRILLIANT

### Climate conditions and growing period

After an astonishingly mild, dry winter (around 45 millimetres of rain in January and February), the spring and the first buds arrived early throughout the vineyards. Growth was quick and even. In April and May, unusually cool temperatures and significant rainfall ultimately slowed the early development. The vines returned to a normal rhythm of growth with balanced flowering around 19 May. This early maturing accompanied by heavy rain called for intense work among the vines up to the end of June. The high position of the Ferrand vineyards means that they were not affected by the excess water: drainage was effective and the water reserves were good.

During the summer, the vines were put to the test with a particularly hot and dry July and August. These high temperatures did not affect the vineyard, whose limestone-clay soils meant that it enjoyed a good supply of water – the full expression of the Ferrand terroir. Veraison was around 13 July for the Merlot and Cabernet grapes. The vines were nicely balanced and the vineyards very uniform. In late August, 30 millimetres of rain refreshed the soils, allowing the vines to complete their growing cycle.

September began with a major heatwave, fortunately without repercussions: once again, Ferrand's limestone-clay terroir enabled the vines to withstand the dry weather.

### Harvests

The 2020 harvests began on 14 September, the earliest date in the estate's history. The vineyards were healthy and consistent, and the quality of the harvest was excellent.

### Tasting commentary

The 2020 vintage is crystalline with a dazzling nose. On the palate, it offers beautiful balance and incredible freshness, heralding huge potential. There are also some lovely nuances with floral and red fruit notes. It has a velvety mouthfeel with fresh, silky tannins. Château de Ferrand 2020 is a sophisticated wine with a subtle balance and a beautiful richness of aromas.

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