

CHÂTEAU DE SABAZAN

SINGLE VINEYARD – ESTATE BOTTLED

First Château production in the Saint Mont appellation (since 1987).
20 acres of old Tannat vines around its magnificent 15th century building.

SAINT MONT
Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée

Tannat – Cabernet Sauvignon – Cabernet Franc – Pinenc

The history of the wine

Situated in the heart of South-West France, the Plaimont vineyards stretch from the foothills of the Pyrenees to the hills and valleys of Gascony covering a uniquely rich terroir. A thousand winegrowers defend the ideals of a cooperative and are committed to managing their vineyards with respect for both the environment and their own time-honoured traditions.

Château de Sabazan, in the Saint Mont Appellation, is situated in the medieval village of Sabazan, near Aignan. Work in the vineyard dictates a seasonal rhythm to the lives of the village's one hundred and fifty souls who live between the thirteenth-century Romanesque church and the Château which was rebuilt in the 15th century with stones dating back to the 13th. In 1987 Plaimont vinified wines made with the Château de Sabazan harvest for the first time and five young local winegrowers were given responsibility for management of the vineyard in an attempt to improve the social economic situation of this village otherwise doomed to desertification.

The terroir

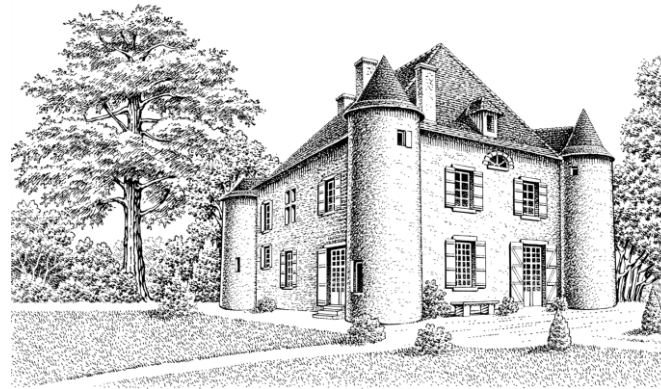
Out of a total surface vineyard area of 17 hectares, only 9 are reserved for the production of the Grand Vin du Château Sabazan. The terroir – a plateau of compact, poor, fawn-coloured sand (5m deep) is exceptional and allows the Tannat grape expression of the same elegance and class as the finest Graves wines.

Ageing

Following malolactic fermentation the tanks are matured separately, parcel by parcel, in French oak 225l barrels (40% new barrels, 40% once-used and 20% twice-used). During the 12-month period of barrel maturation three rackings take place. The separate parcels are finally blended in tank for a period of four months in order to bring complete harmony to the cuvee.



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Vintage **2018**

« **92 pts** »

Cellar Selection

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Roger Voss

92 Plaimont 2018 **Château de Sabazan (Saint Mont)**. This is a beautifully perfumed wine, with the two Cabernets in harmony with Tannat and Pinenc. The wine has weight but also elegance to balance the density. From one of the estates followed by the Plaimont cooperative, the wine will age further. Drink from 2024. Brickell Wines LLC.
Cellar Selection. —R.V.

