Château Canon La Gaffeliere 2017

CSPC# 873463 750mlx12 13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Appellation Saint Emilion

Classification Premier Grand Cru Classé

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Website http://www.neipperg.com/index.php?act=1,9,3,,,,,en

Organic Organic Certified by FR-BIO-10

General Info The von Neipperg counts are descended from a noble line dating back to the Holy

Roman Empire. This family has contributed great soldiers and illustrious diplomats throughout the centuries. Responsible for numerous military exploits, the family's long history is grounded in their attachment to their land. In fact, the Counts von

Neipperg have been making fine wine there since the 12th century.

In 1985, Stephan von Neipperg was officially named estate manager and proceeded to make in-depth changes at Canon La Gaffelière. He started by making a complete analysis of data concerning his vineyard and then drew logical conclusions of what needed doing. His collaboration at a later date with e also contributed to Canon La

Gaffelière's reputation around the world.

Winemaker Stephan von Neipperg

Vintage Clearly, 2017 Saint Emilion will always be remembered as the year of the frost. The nights of April 27 and April 28 hit temperatures of below -4 Celsius. The Right Bank

has not experienced this much damage from frost since 1991.

Second generation fruit, the grapes that start growing after the frost, was successful to varying degrees. The results depended on the vineyard, terroir and good luck. The problem with those grapes is, if they reached maturity, it was not at the same time as the main harvest, so the berries needed separate vinifications. It was a lot of work especially since the percentage of second-generation grapes used is quite low. Another difficulty, or opportunity, depending on the situation was that first-generation grapes are the product of a cooler, dry growing season and the second-generation grapes received more sun, inheriting riper characteristics and higher degrees of alcohol, giving you 2 different wine styles. This is where the magic of blending comes in. Part of the reason the frost struck with such ferocity was that it hit

just after bud-break, when the plants are at their most delicate stage of development. The vineyards which survived the frost were still looking for an early,

and hopefully successful harvest.

Vineyards The 19.5-hectare vineyard has a complex, outstanding terroir of clay-limestone and clay-sand soil. The topsoil is

primarily sandy, increasingly so as one moves away from the slope. The vines, an average of 45 years old, are deeply rooted in the soil and absorb all the goodness in the terroir. They are mostly replaced individually rather than plot by plot (which maintains the average age). The last major replanting dates back to 1986. Mass selection is practiced. This is especially useful in order to perpetuate the precious old Cabernet Franc vines. It

not only maintains the vineyard's genetic heritage, but also its unique balance

Harvest 18/09 to 10/10/2017

Vinification/ Fermentation in wooden vats for 30 days. Extraction by pneumatic pigeage (punching down the cap) Ageing in

Maturation new oak barrels (55%) on the lees for 15 months. No fining

Tasting Notes Extravagant fruitiness drawing on citrus fruits. Mouth to match, baroque, slightly woody on this sample, the

finish is still hard. The mini-harvest due to frost may not help at this stage of the wine's life, but it could surprise

in the bottle.

Serve with meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, chicken, roasted, braised, stewed, and grilled dishes.

Production 5,000 cases made **Cellaring** Drink 2024-2038



2017

Scores/Awards

94 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2020

97 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2020

95 points - James Suckling, James Suckling.com - January 2020

94 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 2020

16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, Jancis Robinson.com - April 2018

16.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2018

90 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2018

95+ points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - March 2020

17.5+ points - Matthew Jukes, MW - April 2018

89 points - Jean Marc Quarin - January 2018

92 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2018

95 points - Vert de Vin - May 2018

95 points - Yves Beck - June 2020

17.5 points - La Revue du Vin France - January 2021

17 points - Bettane & Desseauve - May 2018

17.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - September 2020