Château Canon La Gaffeliere 2018

CSPC# 848991 750mlx6 14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Appellation Saint Emilion

Classification Premier Grand Cru Classé B

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 2018 Saint Emilion was not an easy vintage for producers. The winter months were

> easy, but the spring is one of the wettest in history. Depending on where you located in St. Emilion, during the initial 6 months of the year, between 550 mm to 600 mm (21"-24") of rain soaked your soils. This is more than the normal amount of rain the

region experiences in a year!

From there growers fended off violent attacks of mildew, which struck fast and furious. 2018 Saint Emilion was saved by the hottest, driest, sunniest vintage

conditions since 2003. Barely any rain fell from July to harvest.

Picking took place under warm, sunny and dry conditions. On average, production was down 10-20% for many vineyards. Conditions were so good between late September and mid-October; vignerons were able to pick at their chosen level of

maturity. Harvesting took place from mid-September to mid-October.

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 September 17-October 4, 2019. Yield 35 hl/ha

Vinification/ Fermentation in wooden vats for 35 days. Extraction by pneumatic pigeage (punching down the cap) Ageing in Maturation

new oak barrels (50%) on the lees for 16 months. No fining

Tasting Notes Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere's terroir consists of clay-limestone and clay-sand soil that is very permeable and

> particularly efficient at retaining heat. Reflecting the estate's soil, the proportions of grape varieties are rather atypical for the appellation: a perfect 50/50 divide between Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Sauvignon ripens early on Canon La Gaffeliere's warm soil, adding power and aromatic complexity to Merlot's opulence to create wines of natural elegance and finesse. The wine is classy, remarkably well-structured,

complex, pure, and always elegant.

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

Production 5,833 cases made Cellaring Drink 2024-2038





Scores/Awards

96 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2021 95+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2021 96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021 16.5+ points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - May 2019 16.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2019 15.5+ points - Tom Parker, JancisRobinson.com - October 2020

95 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - November 2020

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96 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021

95 points - Falstaff Magazine - May 2019