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IN THE VICINITY OF CHEVAL BLANC

Less than 100 meters from Château Cheval Blanc, 500 meters from Château Figeac and with l'Évangile just behind it, Château Jean Faure - 18 ha in a single block - stands among the mythical terroirs of Saint-Émilion.

65% CABERNET FRANC

With a historical majority of 65% Cabernet Franc in the vineyard, unique to Saint-Émilion, Jean Faure possesses a formidable asset to resist global warming. The same clay-rich terroirs shared with Cheval Blanc and Figeac are the source of extraordinary energy for our exceptional Cabernet Francs.

CERTIFIED ORGANIC IN 2017 AND BIODYNAMIC IN 2023

Our cultural practices, grounded on observation & respect for nature, provide great resilience to Jean Faure's vines. The health of our vines, managed through biodynamic agriculture, and our pursuit of natural balance between soil, vine, fauna, and flora have allowed us to counteract climate imbalances.

2020 NATURE GAVE ITS ALL

The year of 2020 was historically mild and also the rainiest since 2000. While the world was at a standstill in March, the vineyard grew quickly taking advantage of the exceptionally warm weather, budding on March 25th (10 days earlier than average).

The highlight was the flowering period (mid-flowering on May 26) which benefited from exceptional warm and dry conditions throughout the second half of May.

After some heavy rains in June, in July there was a radical change in situation: a mere 3 millimeters of rain fell at the estate. Veraison started very early but took time. After an excess of spring rain, the vines had to readjust to its new water-deficient context.

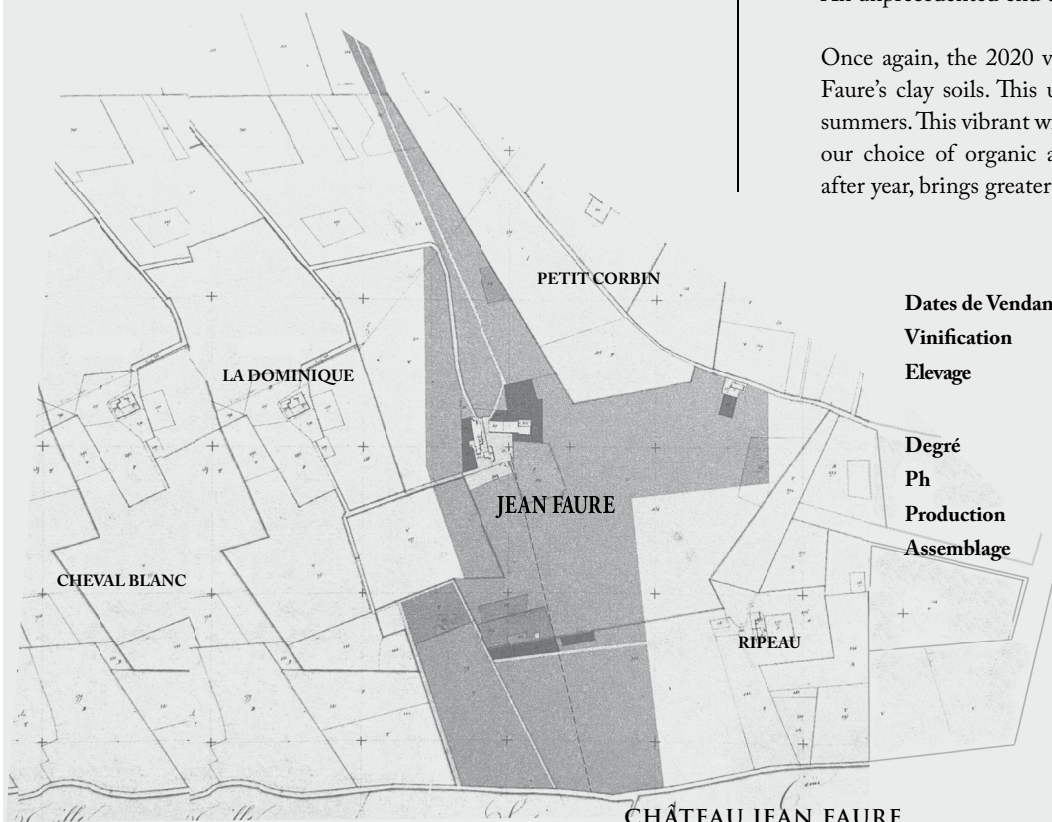
The storm on August 15 (28 mm) was another key element of the success of this vintage: it allowed the grapes to swell and restarted the ripening.

The first half of September is ideal: the alternation of cool nights and sunny days promotes the synthesis of aromas and anthocyanins.

The harvest began historically early on September 10th. The ripeness was very homogeneous and crunchy Merlots were picked within just a week. A sign of this great uniformity, the first Cabernets, old early-ripening vines, were harvested on September 17th, while the rest of the Cabernets Francs are harvested from September 27th to October 1st.

An unprecedented end date for Jean Faure's harvest!

Once again, the 2020 vintage confirms the importance of Jean Faure's clay soils. This unique terroir allows us to enhance dry summers. This vibrant wine with crunchy fruit character reaffirms our choice of organic and biodynamic viticulture, which, year after year, brings greater freshness and aromatic purity.



Dates de Vendanges
Vinification
Elevage

Du 10 Septembre Au 1er Octobre
Cuves Béton & Bois, sans soufre
35% barriques neuves, 30% d'un vin,
20% cuves béton et 15% foudres

Degré
Ph
Production
Assemblage

13,5°
3.6
70 000 Bouteilles
60% Cabernet Franc
35% Merlot
5% Malbec

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