



# CHÂTEAU BOUTISSE

*Dynamic young winemaker Marc Milhade has transformed this estate into an outstanding Saint-Émilion, with ripe, structured and engaging character*



## St. Émilion Grand Cru 2019

Bordeaux, France

### ESTATE

Château Boutisse is Xavier Milhade's flagship and most prestigious estate. It is relatively large for Saint-Émilion at 57 acres, planted largely with Merlot (88%) and the remainder Cabernet Sauvignon (11%) and Cabernet Franc (1%). Huge investments have been poured into the vineyards since 1996, with several parcels of vines being completely replanted.

### WINE

Today the wines are made by one of the young stars of the right bank, Marc Milhade - the fourth generation of his family to make wine at Recougne. Marc's philosophy and energy are directed primarily towards more work in the vineyard, and less intervention in the cellar.

### VINEYARD

When the soil was ripped and prepared for planting, large chunks of the recherché limestone were visible under the chalky clay topsoil. The vineyards enjoy an excellent southern exposure.

*Soil:* Clay-Limestone

*Viticulture:* No herbicides, respect for biodiversity, manual leaf removal and green harvest.

*Harvest:* by hand

### WINEMAKING

*Grape Varieties:* Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère

*Fermentation:* A modern, temperature-controlled winery with small vats to optimise the marc/juice ratio and refine extraction. Traditional fermentation in stainless steel vats. Fractionated pumping over. Vatting for 28 days.

*Aging:* Underground concrete tanks: gravity drainage. Malolactic fermentation in barrels.

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

### TASTING NOTE

A dark ruby color, a nose of sweet spices, mocha, toasty, caramel. A velvety mouth with elegant tannins Very nice length in the mouth.