

Château Trotte Vieille



1^{er} Grand Cru Classé AOC Saint-Émilion

A parchment of 1453 confirms the existence of viticulture and that the name „Trotte Vieille“ was used for this estate already in the 15th century. The name is derived from the fact that there lived a lady in this chartreuse in the 14th century. This little lady was very interested in what was going on in the town of Bordeaux and used thus to walk down to the close-by crossing where the stagecoaches stopped on their way coming from Bordeaux. As the lady seemingly often hastened to the coaches, the people of Saint-Emilion called her “la trotte vieille”, the “old trot”. This unusual name was used for the chateau already in the 15th century. In honor of the name-giving lady, Trotte Vieille’s second wine is called “La Vieille Dame de Trotte Vieille”

Trotte Vieille is one of the oldest estates in Saint-Emilion and has some of the oldest vines of Bordeaux as some of these are pre-Phylloxera and thus more than 140 years old.



Grape variety:

55% Merlot,
40% Cabernet-Francs,
5% Cabernet-Sauvignon
10 ha
red clay coating on limestone
30 000 bottles (first wine)
47 years
15-20 days
12-18 months/oak barrels
100% p.a.

Vineyard area:

Ground characteristics:

Yearly production:

Average age of the vines:

Fermentation:

Maturation:

Barrels renewed:

