

MONDOT Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2018

Provenance: Grape Variety:

Saint-Emilion, Bordeaux 100% Merlot

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Pairing:

Grilled chops, steak in red wine sauce, Roast beef or lamb, poultry, crispy duck pancakes

Serving:

Temperature: 16°C





Vineyard Cultivation:

Sitting at 43 hectares, with 25 sub-terroirs and 3 grape varieties, Troplong Mondot is one of the appellation's largest vineyards. Vines first established in 1700 with a chateau built in 1745, Raymond-Théodore Troplong shaped the identity and the configuration of the estate along with his nephew, Edouard Mondot, who added his surname in, thus creating Troplong Mondot. Now run by Aymeric de Gironde, the vineyard is planted to 85% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cab Franc.



Vinification:

Grapes crushed without SO2, which was only added when the wines were barreled down. Fermentation done with mostly pumpowers, not punchdowns and only a little délestage.







Tasting Notes:

The 2018 Mondot, 100% Merlot, is a fabulous second wine. Rich and luscious to the core, the 2018 is brisk and vibrant, with remarkable nuances and tons of saline-infused energy. Floral and spice notes add perfume to red cherry/plum fruit. Half of the wine comes from Troplong Mondot itself and the other half is sourced from two adjacent parcels that may in time be incorporated into the estate. Look for Mondot to be one of the stars among Bordeaux's more affordable 2018s. More than anything else, in 2018 Mondot is flat-out delicious. 90-93 pts, Antonio G, Vinous.



Soil Type:

Flint and limestone clay soil



Method:

Sustainable

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