

CHATEAU SAINTE ANNE

Sainte Anne is a family run estate located on the Bandol appellation, in the heart of Provence. Our vineyard benefits from a complex soil composition (dry limestone mixed with white sand allowing a very deep drainage) and a specific micro-climate with cool nights allowing the local variety, Mourvèdre, to reach perfect ripeness.

The growing season sees striking heat in summer, heavy rain in fall, powerful winds (Mistral) and a strong maritime influence.

This brings all necessary elements for our grapes to offer the best expression of our terroir. Grapes are vinified in white, rosé and red wines. The necessary 18 months of wood ageing (50 hl large oak tanks) brings silky and smooth tannins to our red wines.

A.O.C. Bandol Rouge 2016 Cuvée Collection

- *Vines*: Mourvèdre 95% Grenache 5%
- *Vineyards*: 72 years old
- <u>Soils</u>: Vines grown on slopes. North-Eastern exposure, chalky limestone soil. Bio certified since 1992, Control ECOCERT.
- *Production*: 24 Hl/ha.
- *Harvesting*: Manually, traditional methods with a first selection in the vineyards. Once the grapes are picked they are brought directly to the cellars. The grapes are therefore sound.
- *Vinification*: Traditional method
- *Fermenting*: Soft extraction.
- Ageing: 18months in 35HL oak vats.
- *Bottling:* June 2018
- *Characteristics*: Release of melted tannins, taste of black fruit, truffle, leather, liquorice.

