

TASTING NOTES 2006

The wine displays an attractive ripe cherry color that is brilliant and deep. The aromas are still rather reserved, but swirling the wine in the glass releases delicate and subtle expressions of thyme, raspberries and leather

In the mouth, the attack is lively and full of fruit; the tannins are soft, with a silky, rich consistency devoid of roughness. Red fruit flavors cover the palate, with an overall impression of roundness which concludes by a clean and fresh finish.

Among the wines of Saint-Emilion and Pomerol, those of Château Le Jurat are distinguished by a sound balance of freshness and maturity; nonetheless, there is a touch of austerity in this wine and it is not yet fully open, typical characteristics of a vintage showing good density.

This is a young wine with a still-tight framework which makes it suitable for several more years of cellaring. Still, it already makes a satisfying accompaniment for roast chicken, yeal in white sauce, and

#### **VINEYARD**

12 ha under production Sablo-argileux 80% Merlot 11% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Cabernet Franc Average age of vines: 40 ans

### **CULTURE & RECOLTE**

Pruning: double Guyot

Deleafing: face to face after flowering (berry set)
Grape thinning is done when the grapes are filling out
Green harvest occurs after changing of color (veraison)
Handpicked harvest with selective sorting in the vineyard

## VINIFICATION

Total destemming

The grapes are hand-sorted before crushing

Fermentation: 6-8 days at 26-28°C

Maceration: 28-30 days

Ageing for 12 months in the french oak barrels which 15% arenew An ultra light finig is done but no filtration occurs prior to bottling

#### **BLENDING**

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **PRODUCTION**

70 000 bottles

# **OWNER**

Groupe SMABTP