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XX DE CORBIN Saint Emilion Grand Cru 2003



Robert Parker said of Chateau Corbin: A classy effort for the vintage, Corbin's attractive, elegant 2002 displays pleasant berry fruit intermixed with underbrush, dried herb, and licorice overtones. Although not terribly deep, it is medium-bodied, round, supple, well-balanced, and ideal for drinking over the next 7-8 years. Readers should be taking a closer look at Corbin given its upgrade in quality.

The Vineyard :

The Chateau is found at the limit of the Pomerol soils, 2 or 3 bends in the road away from Châteaux such as la Conseillante and a stone's throw from the legendary Cheval Blanc. The clay in the soil brings the wine its powerful structure and the ancient sand that sits on an iron clay subsoil adds the finesse. Château Corbin is one of the oldest domaines in Saint Emilion and has been in the hands of the same family for 4 generations. Annabel Cruse Bardinet took control over the property in 1999 and has produced notably improved wines as commented upon by wine professionals such as Robert Parker (WA issue 158) Clive Coates (The Vine issue 221) and Jean Marc Quarin (issue no 43).

- Surface : 13 Hectares
- Average age of vines : 30 years

Grape Varieties :

- 80% Merlot
- 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Yield : 35 hl / ha

Harvest :

- Hand picked
- Selection table

Vinification :

- Parcel by parcel in thermo regulated stainless steel vats.
- Aged in French oak barrels_

