

## BORDEAUX

**CHATEAU QUERCY**  
**VIGNONET**

Stéphane Apelbaum  
Saint Emilion Grand Cru  
15 acres

Château Quercy, which dates from the 18th century and takes its name from the surrounding oak trees, lies in the southern commune of Vignonet along the Dordogne River. The vineyard has the same gravel and sand soil composition as certain Grand Cru Classés and half of its 15 acres have vines planted in 1901. The wine is composed of 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Low yields, severe bunch selection and labor intensive traditional methods combine to produce a wine of great intensity and warmth. Stéphane farms organically and incorporates some bio-dynamic techniques into his work. His cuverie is set up to allow him to separately vinify small parcels of his vineyard and he uses a variety of materials; stainless steel, cement and oak ovals to do this. His vinification techniques are also adapted to the specific parcel with variation in temperature, pumping over and duration of maceration. The wines are then matured separately in barrels that are 50% to 75% new. The final blend is made after the wines have been matured.

Stephane Apelbaum is one of the new generation wine makers in Saint Emilion whose philosophy includes using technical innovation but is led by intuition, observation and a deep respect for nature.

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