

SAINT ESTÈPHE: (CHATEAU VALROSE)

Style

Red, Dry.

Region

Bordeaux.

Wine Maker

Château Valrose

Appellation

Saint Estèphe on the left bank of the Gironde estuary, in the north of the Haut-Médoc.

Cépage

50% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon & 25% Cabernet Franc

Tasting Note

A sumptuous wine with a wealth of briary berry scents and flavours and a core of concentrated dark fruit and over-ripe tannins with subtle oaky undertones.

Serve with

Grilled red meats and hard cheeses.

Cellarage

Drinking well now but should keep for another decade.

Vinification

'Cuvée Aliénor' is a special selection of old vine fruit harvested at optimum ripeness and aged in new french oak barrels for 16 months prior to bottling.

History

Saint Estèphe lies to the north of the Haut-Médoc above Pomillac where a soil of clay and gravel leads to later ripening, giving many of the wines a fine acidity and great longevity. While home to other producers such as the 2nd growths Château Cos and Château Montrose, it is the 'petit château' like Valrose that can offer real value in superior vintages.

