



ALAIN RAYNAUD

WINEMAKER

Although Alain Raynaud can trace his family's involvement in the wine business back to the 15th century, he went to medical school and spent twenty five years working as a hospital doctor before returning to his roots. In 1997 he purchased Château Quinault in Saint-Emilion; substantial investment, coupled with his innovative approach to winemaking, has propelled this property to the forefront of its appellation.

Alain has also been involved in crafting some of the most sought-after small production wines in Bordeaux, including La Fleur De Gay and La Croix De Gay in Pomerol. He currently supervises the production of Château Lascombes in Margaux and is consultant to Colgin in Napa. He served as President of the Union Des Grands Crus De Bordeaux from 1994-2000, representing top Bordeaux wines around the world.

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»L'EXCEPTION«

SAINT-EMILION

MERLOT/CABERNET FRANC BLEND

VINEYARDS | WINEMAKING

40-70 year old vines in a walled vineyard in Libourne dating to the 17th century. Well-draining gravel and sand soils. Aged 18-24 months in French oak (100% new).

GRAPES

75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc,
6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec.
Picked: September 28-October 2, 2002.

TASTING NOTES

Aroma: Wild berry and cranberry with hints of cassis, vanilla and licorice. *Taste:* Deep blackberry and plum with fine tannins and an elegant finish.