

CHÂTEAU  
SAINTE-MARIE



*How do we include  
sustainable development ?*



# – Why do we involve in sustainable development ?

Château Sainte-Marie is a source of passion that is transmitted from generation to generation in the Dupuch family.

The preservation of biodiversity and the intergenerational dimension of sustainable development therefore perfectly embrace this spirit of transmission. This is why the estate has turned towards an environmentally friendly way of farming for a sustainable and clean agriculture.

The interactions that the vines have with the surrounding species are indeed crucial. Viticulture has an environmental impact.

It is because we seek to limit this impact that we have implemented measures that aspire to contribute to the safeguarding of protected species.

The CSR initiatives that we foster, such as the use of more responsible products, are closely linked to the well-being of our employees and collaborators.

*Grilla et Stéphane Dupuch*



## – Integration of the Bordeaux Wine EMS –

An Environmental Management System is a management tool for the company, aimed at continuously improving its environmental performance.

Our particular situation at Targon et Moulis, in the water resource protection zone, makes us more aware of environmental matters and encourages us to respect this environment. That is why we want to implement responsible viticulture where work is done in a clean environment and where "good practices" become the rule.



# – Our sustainable initiatives–



**Hedges** provide an alternative habitat and are home to a rich and varied biodiversity. They are refuges for birds and animals. Therefore, we decided to let them grow in order to gain efficiency by forming a connected network and reaching out to other environments, such as forests, to allow the movement of hosted species.



The property is home to 8 **beehives**. The bees help to improve the biodiversity of the vineyard by ensuring 80% of the pollination, which allows the reproduction of flowers.

Moreover, the use of phytosanitary products is rationalized thanks to the generalization of the use of substances less harmful to humans, by fostering the reduction of doses and by favouring as much as possible non-chemical alternatives in the maintenance of the soil. For example, the use of 'CMR' products: carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic for reproduction, has been ruled out.





Grassed or flowering areas are also an effective means of controlling erosion. Indeed, **grassing the plots of land** with species adapted to our terroirs enables to fight against the phenomenon of gulying corresponding to the formation of ravines by rainwater. Not leaving the soil bare in winter can thus help to prevent this.

The species planted vary according to the soil: on steeply sloping soils, oats are planted as soon as the harvest is over, but on clayey soils, broad beans are planted with the oats. Finally, on land specifically chosen for its attractiveness to bees, honey-bearing species such as buckwheat, clover or phacelia are planted.





Integrating sustainable initiatives into our production process also involves **managing the waste** we produce.

This includes recycling and sorting our waste such as cardboard or plastic, which is sorted and stored in identified containers.

In addition, the wastewater collection basin is designed to collect the various effluents generated to avoid pollution.



# – The valorization of the terroir –

Respect for fauna and flora is at the heart of our production process, which aims to enhance our terroir.

We thus seek to promote the richness of the environment through our products.

The Chardonneret cuvée of Château Peyredon Lagravette pays tribute to a little passerine, a species threatened with extinction in France.





– EVE VEGAN ® –

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