

Château Rolland-Maillet

Saint-Emilion



Appellation / Country
 Saint-Emilion - France
 Blending
 80% Merlot / 20% Cabernet Franc
 Surface
 3.35 Ha
 Age of the vines
 40 years
 Soils
 Sandy-clay / gravel-clay
 Production
 12 000 Bottles
 Vinification
 Hand harvested, double sorting before and after
 Destemming fermentation in small tanks
 with thermoregulation
 Ageing
 12 to 15 months in on year French oak barrels
 House Wine Makers
 Michel ROLLAND/Benoit PREVOT



MILLESIME	CRITIQUE	NOTE	COMMENTAIRE
2014	NEIL MARTIN	87-89	The Château Rolland-Maillet 2014 has a rather smoky bouquet, the palate with a light bitter cherry touch on the entry, though the oak is nicely integrated with good structure on the finish. This should drink nicely over the next decade.
2012	ROBERT PARKER	87	This property of Michel Rolland is a tiny vineyard of just under 10 acres, planted with 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. Straightforward notes of black fruit (cherries and kirsch liqueur), licorice, and underbrush make for a medium-bodied, easygoing, seductive, lush mouthful of wine. Rolland-Maillet is hardly the greatest terroir in St.-Emilion, but Rolland's brilliance has resulted in a wine that is well above average, reasonably priced and delicious. Drink it over the next 7-8 years
2011	ROBERT PARKER	84	Soft, fruity and straightforward, this is a pleasant, adequate St.-Emilion to drink over the next 3-4 years.
2010	ROBERT PARKER	87	This wine from the Michel and Dany Rolland family estate is always soft. It has an almost kirsch/black cherry liqueur character with hints of licorice and loamy soil notes in an open-knit, precocious style. It is one of the least concentrated wines in the Rolland portfolio, but it is seductive, round and meant to be drunk in its first 3-5 years of life. This is an ideal style of wine for a bistro or brasserie.
2009	ROBERT PARKER	87-88	From Dany and Michel Rolland, this exuberant, fruity, soft, charming St.-Emilion is a hedonist's delight. Medium-bodied, round, and plush, it is ideal for drinking during its first 5-6 years of life. (Tasted once.)
2008	ROBERT PARKER	86-88	This property of Michel and Dany Rolland is always an overachiever, producing lush, hedonistic, tasty wines characterized by their kirsch and loamy soil notes. Enjoy the 2008 over the next 5 or so years.
2005	ROBERT PARKER	87	From one of the estates owned by the Rolland family, this 2005 is fruit-driven, soft, easygoing, and purely made, with lots of kirsch liqueur, licorice and spice. It is medium-bodied, fully mature, and should be drunk over the next 3-4 years.
2004	ROBERT PARKER	87	The delicious 2004 Rolland-Maillet is made by Michel Rolland from a family property. Neither powerful nor complex, it is a deliciously fruity St.-Emilion offering plenty of sweet kirsch notes interwoven with spice and earth. Medium-bodied as well as supple-textured, it is ideal for drinking during its first 5-7 years of life.
2003	ROBERT PARKER	86-88	A very good effort from proprietor Michel Rolland (this vineyard sits on the other side of the road facing Pomerol from his beloved estate of Bon Pasteur), this chunky, richly fruity 2003 reveals sweet black cherry notes intermixed with balsam wood, spice box, and earth. This is always fairly priced. Drink it during its first 5-10 years of life.
2002	ROBERT PARKER	86-88	This wine was rated, but no tasting note was given.
2001	ROBERT PARKER	87-88	Loads of fruit characterize this jammy, medium to full-bodied, lush, supple-textured wine that is pure and tasty, not meant for long-term aging but for drinking during its first 7-8 years of life.
2000	ROBERT PARKER	88	Probably the finest effort I have ever tasted from this estate, the 2000 has a deep ruby/purple color and loads of jammy black cherry fruit infused with licorice and a hint of cocoa. The wine is well made, pure, lush, and just a sensual, hedonistic turn-on. Drink it over the next 8-10 years.