

## Chateau Fombrauge

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The estate goes back to the 16th century, which makes it one of the oldest châteaux in the Saint Emilion region. The first harvests were carried out in 1599. The origin of the name “Fombrauge” comes from the old Occitan terms “fons brogiera”, which means “spring surrounded by heather and bushes”. The spring and its fountain still exist today, powerfully masonry in cut stone in the heart of the estate's vines. Originally spelled “Fontbrauge” or “Fonbrauge” interchangeably, it was in the 19th century that the current spelling “Fombrauge” was formalized.

The beautiful 17th century old country manor was originally the cloister of the town’s Carthusian Monastery. Owned by Jacques de Canolle in 1466, the estate later belonged to the Dumas de Fombrauge family, who implemented the first quality winemaking in the estate in the 18th century. Jacques François Dumas inherited the estate in 1758 and the Taffard Saint-Germain family took it over in the 19th century and continued to develop the vineyards.

Bernard Magrez bought the estate in 1999 and made the necessary investments to improve the property by restructuring the vineyard and the layout of the cellars, and restored the charterhouse and the gardens to magnify the reception venues. These renovations elevated Chateau Fombrauge to the highest level of quality and produce one of the greatest wines of Saint Emilion. In 2012, Château Fombrauge was promoted as Grand Cru Classé, rewarding the efforts of modernization and continuous improvements.

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