

Clos Saint-Andre Pomerol

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Bordeaux

APPELLATION: Pomerol

THE STORY

One of the smallest estates in Pomerol at just under a hectare in size, Clos Saint-Andre is truly a one-man show, run by Jean-Claude Desmarty. The first vines were planted in 1923 by Jean-Claude's great-grandmother, Alice Desmarty, as part of a polycultural approach that included several vegetable plantings and she sold her wines to local merchants. The next two generations allowed outside vignerons to tend the vines and make their own wines; thus, Jean-Claude is the first in his family to produce estate-bottled Pomerol under the Clos Saint-Andre name. The first wine to be bottled was the 2004 vintage. Jean-Claude treats the tiny vineyard like a garden and refers to himself as a gardener rather than a viticulteur, as he works each vine by hand, with no mechanical aides.

