

VINTEX

NEGOCIANT EN VINS DEPUIS 1982

CHÂTEAU

CROIX DU RIVAL/ 2016

AOC Lussac Saint-Emilion



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Age of the vines : 25 and some 50 years old

Soil : Clay-limestone plateau

Grape varieties : 100% Merlot

Winemaker/consultant : **Stephan von Neipperg**

Production: 70 000 bottles

Yield : 45 hl/ha

Winemaking: Maceration lasting 3-4 weeks in temperature-controlled concrete vats. Extraction with pigeage (breaking up the cap) and pumping over. Malolactic fermentation in barrel

Aging : On the lees, in 30-40% new french oak barrels, 12-18 months



Signobles Comtes von Neipperg

Tasting notes :

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Gold Medal SMV Canada

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