



CLIMATE

The august climate conditions have interfered with the start of maturation.

The sunshine was less generous than during the past two months, and temperatures fell below what is normally expected (august 2006 was the freshest since 1986, offering nevertheless a highly-rated vintage year). This abnormally fresh climate did slow down the veraison that had started precociously.

The grape harvests relative delay allowed a benefit in maturity that mid-july and august had conceded with great difficulty. In the end, the Cabernet-Sauvignon grapes have ripened.

GRAPE HARVESTS

Merlot : 22th - 27th september

Cabernet Sauvignon & Petit Verdot : 28th september - 9th october

9 JUNE 2012 TASTING:

Bright and unclouded ruby red.

Straightforward attack.

Fresh peppery nose of red fruits, black cherries.

Balanced structure, full palate with mellower tannins.

Crisp aromas of red fruits.

A very persistent final - to be kept.