

## HÉRITAGE DE CHASSE-SPLEEN 2021

The history and evolution of a vineyard through inheritances, purchases, regroupings of lands, can lead to the association of several AOC (Protected Designations of Origins, i.e. PDOs) within the same estate. Chasse-Spleen having seen the light of day before the AOC notion even existed, nowadays some of its plots do not belong to the same appellation. Today, we own a dozen hectares under the Haut-Médoc appellation of origins.

L'INAO (French national institute for origins and quality) recognises the notion of organization into a hierarchy for the Médoc AOC. This means that every single wine produced in Haut-Médoc and in communal appellations (Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac, Saint-Julien, Moulis, Margaux), is before all else, a Haut-Médoc wine, while the opposite is not necessarily true. Only the plots that produce exclusively within these demarcated appellations may claim the communal AOC.

Héritage de Chasse-Spleen being so successful, and so as to satisfy trade markets and to meet our selection policy, we are now led to remind everyone that some Moulis plots can lawfully also claim their Haut-Médoc appellation. This way, an average of twenty hectares of Haut-Médoc land produces Héritage de Chasse-Spleen.

At first known as Ermitage de Chasse Spleen, this wine had to be given a new name in 2000 because of homonymy reasons. After a birth under the best auspices while inheriting all the care brought to its magnificent senior, this new name seemed very much appropriate to us.

### TASTING NOTES

*Clear and brilliant, dark garnet-red colour.*

*First nose: blackcurrant buds, hints of split wood.*

*After stirring: raspberry, black pepper.*

*Frank attack.*

*Body: full-bodied, good acidity, varietal aroma.*



**Appellation:** Haut-Médoc

**Soils:** sandy gravel on chalky clay and clay on chalk

**Acreage:** 20 ha

**Plantation density:** 8,300 vines/ha

**Grape variety:** Cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet-franc, Petit verdot

**Grape-vine age:** 5 to 35 years

**Vinification:** in stainless steel vats and concrete with terminal regulation system

**Ageing:** 5% new oak, 100% wood

**Production:** 10,000 boxes

### GRAPE-HARVESTS DATES 2021

**Merlot:** from 09/29 to 10/13

**Cabernet sauvignon:** from 10/05 to 10/15

**Cabernet franc:** 10/01

**Petit verdot:** from 10/06 to 10/14

**Blending:** 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet sauvignon, 8% Cabernet-franc, Petit verdot 2%

### WHEATHER 2021

The autumn and the winter following the harvest are too rainy and too mild.

Mars surprises with abnormal high temperature. The vineyard is mistaken and already believes in the return of the fine weather. The virulent frosts of April bring it back to reality by mowing its tender leaves barely hatched.

A flowering in the moisture spares the cabernet-sauvignon more than the merlot. Summer is in the norm. The rains return during the harvest. We hold on and pull the grape varieties till maturity.