



**Appellation:** Haut-Médoc

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

**Acreage:** 20 ha

**Plantation density:** 8300 vines/ha

**Blending:** 55% Cabernet sauvignon,

41% Merlot, 4% Cabernet franc

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

**Ageing:** 10% new oak and 12 months of aging

**Production:** 128000 bottles

**Alcohol content:** 13% vol.

#### HARVEST DATES

**Merlot:** from 09/15/2023 to 09/26/2023

**Cabernet sauvignon:** from 09/27/2023  
to 10/06/2023

**Cabernet franc:** 09/22/2023

#### WEATHER

Normally fall and winter serve us to refurbish the groundwaters. But winter is not very wet and very mild, too mild. We fear even an exit of the buds that came too early which would be mowed by the first frost.

A heavy rain finally arrives, but a little too late. Indeed, the vegetation having appeared, diverts the precipitations of these phreatic water tables. The spring frosts from early April to mid-May make us fear the worst and we had partly reduced it by pruning very late.

From May to June, rain and heat come together: tropical atmosphere without palm trees.

The plant literally explodes. Unfortunately, the one who leads the dance is the mildew.

The closing of the bunch stops it.

Temperatures are rather lenient in July-August.

Before the harvest, the temperature increases strongly and the cabernet-Sauvignon perspires and its berries reduce quickly. The vine surprises us once again with its resilience and produces a typical structural Médoc on the fruit.

#### TASTING NOTES

*Attractive dark garnet colour with purple hues.*

*Before stirring, black cherry with a hint of vanilla.*

*The attack is clean, with notes of blackcurrant and blackberry and a slightly chalky minerality.*

*Good length on the palate, supple tannins, aromatic finish of cherry and a hint of iodine.*

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