



Grand Cru Classé en 1855  
**CHATEAU D'ISSAN**  
MARGAUX

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# 2013

How disappointing to see such low yields for a second year in a row! On the other hand, the low yields meant earlier ripening, and complete maturity of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The casks of Cabernet are wonderfully aromatic and complex, and of uniformly high caliber.

*Tasted by the team on june 2014.*



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Harvest	1 > 12 october
Blend	Cabernet Sauvignon 74% Merlot 26%
Elevage	50% new barrels
Yield	28 hl/ha
Proportion 1 <sup>st</sup> wine	55%
pH	3.69
Total acidity (g/l H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	3.26
Alcohol (% vol.)	12.83
Bottling	4 may 2015
Production	75 000 bottles

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#### Decanter - April 2014

*“Floral yet quite dense Cabernet fruit with balance and length, very Margaux, very attractive. Drink: 2017-2025. Taster: Steven Spurrier.” (17/20 - 90/100 pts)*

#### Les Carnets de Jean-Marc Quarin - 24 april 2014

*“Gourmand, ce 2013 possède aussi du volume. Le fruit est net, l'ensemble s'équilibre et la finale est guidée par des tanins enrobés !” (15,5/20 - 90 pts)*

#### Neal Martin - May 2013

*“Cropped between 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October, the d'Issan is a blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon and 33% Merlot cropped at 37hl/ha. It has a tight, quite reticent bouquet - quite stern but focused. This is almost Pauillac in style with a faint tang of seaweed. The palate is medium-bodied with a structured entry. There is a rigid backbone here, again, lending it a Pauillac-like structure with a slight saltiness towards the finish. It needs to offer a little more flesh by the time of bottling. Tasted April 2013.” (87-89 pts)*

