

2022,

My 30th Vintage

Legendary, like 1945 and 1961

WEATHER

The weather was exceptionally favourable for quality in 2022. The winter was mild with relatively little rain. The growth season in the vineyard was particularly dry and hot, characterized by more sunshine than usual, significantly less rain (-25%) and three successive heatwaves. 2022 is the hottest year ever recorded.

HARVESTS

The early start of the harvests was a major feature of the 2022 vintage. However, the harvest period, which is determined by daily tasting as the grapes ripen, lasted more than a month. New vines and vines under 10 years old were harvested and vinified separately.

IN THE WINERY

Extraction from the small berries was very carefully controlled to produce full-bodied, dense and immensely long wines with rich and velvety tannins. Their aromas are magnificently fruity. At Brane-Cantenac, they also have a superb freshness thanks to the perfect balance between alcohol content and pH. The highest ever percentage of press wines was incorporated into the wines in 2022: their quality was remarkable.

	BRANE-CANTENAC	BARON DE BRANE	MARGAUX DE BRANE
Merlot	23	65	72
Cab. Franc	1	4	0
Cab. Sauvignon	74	30	28
Petit Verdot	1	1	0
Carmenère	1	0	0
% Presse	15,8	13,4	14,6
% Vol	14,3	14,0	13,9
AT	3,7	3,5	3,8
pH	3,61	3,57	3,52

BLENDING TABLE



Harvest Dates

Merlot	07/09 to 16/09
Cabernet Franc	26/09 and 4/10
Cabernet Sauvignon	08/09 to 29/09
Petit Verdot	22/09 to 29/09
Carmenère	10/10

Rendement 31,5hl/ha



CLIMOGRAPH
IN 10-DAYS INTERVALS

Tribute to my father (1925-2023)



30 years ago, I succeeded my father and had my brother and sister by my side. My father had taken over the property from his father François and his grandfather Léonce Récapet.

My parents arrived in Brane-Cantenac in **1954**. The chateau was their home until their passing, and where their eleven children were born. My father was the last to leave, on March 25th, 2023. He missed celebrating his centennial with us by only two short years, which would have also marked the centennial of Brane-Cantenac in our family.

Nonetheless, he had the joy of seeing just a few months ago the 5th generation, my four children **Vincent, Nicolas, Madeleine and Xavier** become the new owners.

Today, I can only dedicate Brane-Cantenac 2022 to him, **my greatest vintage...** but not the last ...!

My father was one of the great winemakers in his generation and had a particular responsibility for this wine due to **the 60 years old cabernet sauvignon** vines he planted after the great frost of 1956. These wines, which I have carefully preserved through proper pruning, form the backbone of Brane-Cantenac 2022.

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Divergences from thirty-year averages

