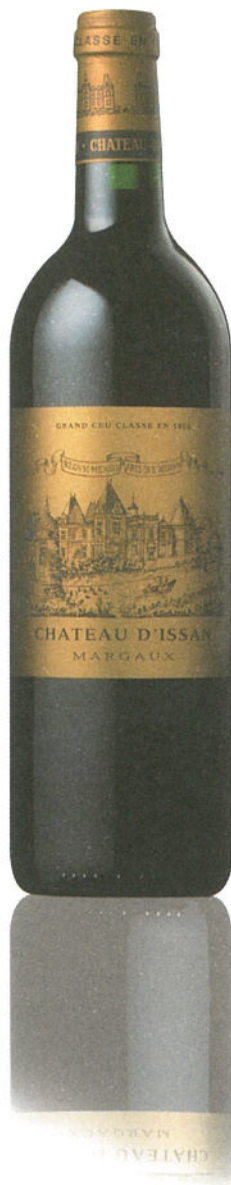




# CHATEAU D'ISSAN

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ 1855 MARGAUX



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<b>Beginning of harvest</b>	12 September
<b>End of harvest</b>	26 September
<b>Blend</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon 61% Merlot 39%
<b>New barrels</b>	50%
<b>Yield A.O.C. Margaux</b>	36 hl/ha
<b>Proportion 1<sup>st</sup> wine</b>	57%
<b>pH</b>	3.73
<b>Total acidity (g/l H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)</b>	3.54
<b>Alcohol (%vol.)</b>	13.23



2011 is a superb vintage, thanks to improving weather after the atypical spring and meticulous care in the vineyard during sorting, and in the cellar. It's a worthy successor to 2009 & 2010 and very much in the same line, exhibiting elegance, grace and balance with mature fruit, fine tannins, and a beautiful structure. The purity is remarkable, with an exhilarating freshness and the silky texture which is hallmark of Margaux.

Tasted by the team on June 2012

### THE WINE ADVOCATE – April 2012 - (91-93)

"Only 57% of the production made it into the 2011 d'Issan, which tips the scales at a lofty 13.2% natural alcohol. A blend of 69% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot, it possesses a dark ruby/purple color as well as a classic Margaux perfume of sweet blueberries, black currants, spring flowers and licorice. Ripe and deep with impressive intensity, it is one of the stars of the 2011 vintage. The wine's silky tannins, fresh acids and stunning length suggest it will drink well for 15-20 years. Kudos to proprietor Emmanuel Cruse."

### DECANTER – 16 april 2012 - 17

" Good purity of Cabernet cassis fruit, some florality, good tannins for the future, very Margaux. Drink 2016-2026."