



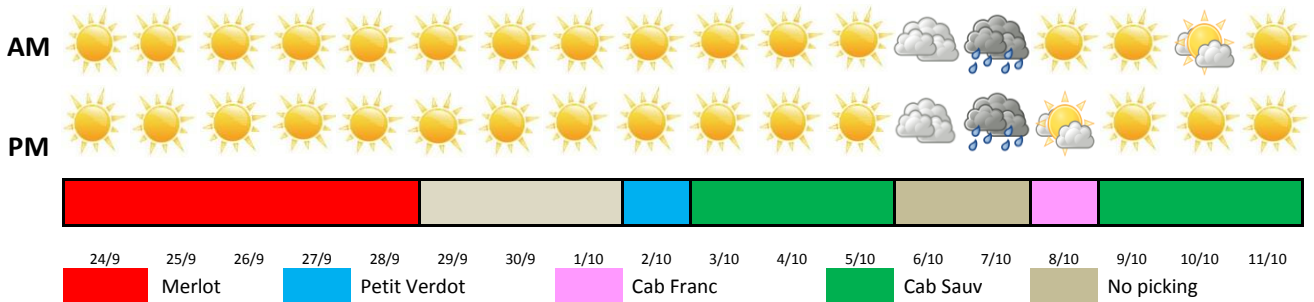
CHÂTEAU  
Phélan Ségur

## 2018 vintage

**Cabernet Sauvignon 57 % | Merlot 43 %**

**Harvest from 24 September to 11 October**

Yield..... 49 Hl/ha      Total polyphenols index..... 77  
 Total acidity..... 3.1      pH..... 3.8  
 Alcohol..... 14 % vol.



### Vineyard Manager's comments:

*A wet and cold winter, mild and rainy spring, hot and dry summer.*

**From November to March:** Mild in January, cold in February and March with rainfall 164 mm higher than the average for the past 24 years at Phélan Ségur.

**From April to June:** Mild temperatures in April and hot in June. May was marked by quite long rainy spells.

- Bud burst slightly irregular in mid April with a slowdown in growth at the beginning of May.
- Flowering: First flowers seen at Phélan Ségur on 25 May. The flowering was regular, reaching an average halfway stage across all plots on 19 June.
- Fruit set took place under wet conditions.

We observed very little poor fruit set or uneven ripening.

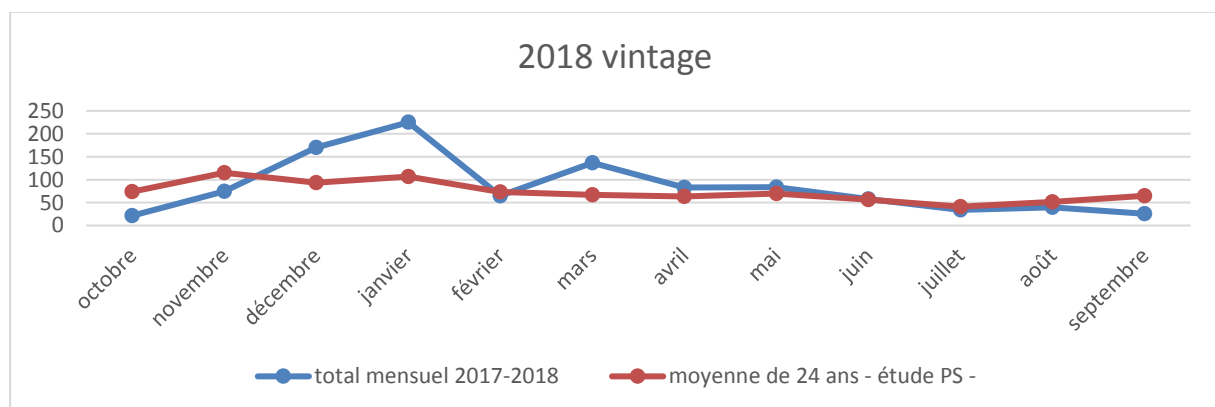
**May and June:** June was rather hot with rainfall 105 mm above the average for the past 23 years at Phélan Ségur.

There was very strong pressure from mildew, which we were able to control without excessive spraying.

**July to September** Dry and hot. The clay-gravel of Saint-Estèphe had built up water reserves in the subsoil during spring. This water was released during the summer drought.

- Véraison: Despite a quick start around 20 July, it reached halfway stage on 5 August.
- Ripening: We benefited from a late autumn with especially favourable climatic conditions.
- Leaf removal: Leaf removal between the end of June and beginning of July, adapted to the water stress of each plot, and even within plots. Leaf removal on the “sun-set” side of some of the Cabernet Sauvignon from early September, so as to favour aeration of the bunch zone.

**September to October**: The storm on 6 September (80% of the month's rainfall) allowed us to avoid too much water stress and created ideal ripening conditions. Harvest from 24 September to 11 October with two gaps of 3 days.



## Tasting notes by the Cellar Master:

Intense ruby red colour with purple reflections.

**Pure** nose with an incredible **intensity**, dominated by notes of red fruit at perfect ripeness.

Rich and harmonious attack, exceptional tannic structure, persistent and fleshy finish.

Freshness, balance and great power characterise the vintage.

## Phélan Ségur in a few words...

- 70 hectares of vines with an average age of 35 years
- In January 2018, Philippe Van de Vyvere (Sea Invest) became owner of the Château.