

# PRODUCT SHEET 2018 VINTAGE

## CHATEAU DU RETOUT

— HAUT-MÉDOC —

## CRU BOURGEOIS





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### Harvest dates:

 $24^{th}$  September  $-1st^{h}$  October 2018 for the Merlot The  $02^{nd}$  and  $09^{th}$  October for the Petit Verdot  $02^{nd} - 17^{th}$  October 2018 for the Cabernet Sauvignon

Total area: 32.67 ha

Average production (total): 1.700 hl - 225.000 bottles

Average production of Château du Retout: 130.000 bottles

**Harvest:** After picking, the separated berries are sorted twice at the cellar, first mechanically and then by hand. The grapes are vatted with **no addition of sulphur** and yeast inoculation is carried out when the vats are first filled, based on the principle of the bioprotection

**Winemaking:** Cold pre-fermentation maceration at 4°C for 6 to 10 days under blanket gas. Slow fermentation at temperatures below 26°C with 2 to 3 rack and return operations by gravity per day. Maceration under skins for 10 to 21 days at 28°C. The average period in vats is 21 to 32 days.

**Maturing:** Final blending takes place early, at the end of November, then the wine is put in barrels (33% new) in mid-December to age for a further 12 months.

**The Retout 2018 blend:** 60 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 28.5% Merlot, 11.5% Petit Verdot.

Degree: 13.9 % by vol Total acidity: 3.4 g/l H2SO4 PH: 3.89 Total polyphenol index: 72

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