

# PRODUCT SHEET 2016 VINTAGE

# CHATEAU DU RETOUT

— HAUT-MÉDOC —

## CRU BOURGEOIS



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#### Harvest dates:

28<sup>th</sup> September – 05<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for the Merlot 07<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for the Petit Verdot 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for the Cabernet Sauvignon

Total area: 32.67 ha

Average production (total): 215.000 bottles

Average production of Château du Retout: 115.000 bottles

Average Yield: 50 hl/ha

**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.

**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 15 to 28 days at 28°C. The average period in vats is 27 to 45 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 2016 blend:** 71 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot.

Degree: 13.0 %.

Total acidity: 3.7 g/l H2SO4

**PH**: 3.70

**Total polyphenol index: 86** 

Consultant Oenologist: Christophe Coupez