

# product sheet 2017 vintage

## CHATEAU DU RETOUT

----- HAUT-MÉDOC ------

## CRU BOURGEOIS



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#### Harvest dates:

 $15^{th} - 20^{th}$  September 2017 for the Merlot and Petit Verdot  $25^{th} - 29^{th}$  September 2017 for the Cabernet Sauvignon

Total area: 32.67 ha

Average production (total): 1.700 hl - 225.000 bottles Total production in 2017 : 1.350 hl – 180.000 bottles

Average production of Château du Retout: 130.000 bottles Production of Château du Retout in 2017 : 90.000 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 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 2017 blend:** 52 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 16% Petit Verdot.

Degree: 13.0 %. Total acidity: 3.3 g/l H2SO4 PH: 3.80 Total polyphenol index: 71

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