

## CHATEAU GAZIN 2020

Production : 82 000 bottles

Blend :            91.6 % Merlot  
                  8.4 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest's dates :

Merlots : from 8th to 11 th September, and from 15th to 18th September  
Cabernets (Franc et Sauvignon) : 29 September

Bottling time : from 30th May to 3th June 2022.

Tasting :

- Alc : 14.7 %
- AV : 0.24 g H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l
- AT :3.42 g H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l
- pH :3.72
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The 2020 Chateau Gazin is the last vintage of a very successful trilogy, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Could it be the best of the three, even better than the 2019 ? Only time will tell.

The frost of 27 March forced us to us employ anti-freezing techniques such as wind towers and heaters with no damage noted.

In 2020, we saw very early budding (16 March) and mid-flowering on 20 May, which led to a very early manual harvest. This was followed by very warm weather in July and August with a welcome addition of moisture due to storms in mid August. The merlot grapes were harvested from 8 to 11 September, then 15 to 18 September and the cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc were collected on 29 September. Alcoholic fermentation was achieved without sulphur under bio-control but the maturing stage – 16 months in casks – naturally required a little sulphur.

The 2020 assemblage, which produced 82,000 bottles of first wine is 91.6% merlot and 8.4% cabernet sauvignon. The cabernet franc grapes were used in the assemblage of our second wine: L'Hospitalet de Gazin, which produced 12,000 bottles.

Despite the lack of moisture and high summer temperatures, choosing the right dates for harvesting helped produce a wine that offers freshness and good energy. Even with an alcohol content of 14.5 degrees.

This vintage presents all the characteristics and smoothness of a complex and flavoursome Pomerol while retaining the balance and finesse of a grand vin. We believe that its ageing potential is around thirty years. We recommend letting the wine age in the bottle for ten years or so before drinking.

The attentive enthusiast will discover a small animal hidden in the bunch of grapes on the back label designed by Otilia Fournier. It is the smiling face of a little rat, a nod to our Chinese fans as 2020 is the year of the rat in China.

