



2021

### Nothing to Hide

It was hard to cheat in 2021 and that suited us very well as it allowed us to reveal the true face of Carruades. The blending rules we set ourselves have been refined from year to year, and this vintage required historically precise selection. Furthermore, Carruades benefitted from the Merlots from our great terroirs on the south-eastern plateau that failed to make the mark for the first wine.

The backbone of the Carruades style this year, the « complaints », new plantings\* from our finest plots also stood out, revealing that, even when still young, vines planted on great terroir learn quickly (we even briefly considered blending them in the first wine!). “But it’s the talent for concealing that ardent youth entirely lacks; hate, love, joy, sorrow – every feeling, it blabs, and spills them in its tracks,” writes Alexander Pushkin in Eugene Onegin, an accurate portrait of our young vines, whose voice came out loud and clear this year with the return of a milder vintage.

Here’s hoping that the aging trials we have been carrying out on Carruades for a few years will allow us to go even further in designing this very graceful style, which definitely has nothing to hide.

*\*young ringed vines within each plot which are picked separately*

**Blend:** Cabernet Sauvignon 55%, Merlot 36%, Petit Verdot 4%, Cabernet Franc 5%

**Budburst:** 31 March

**Mid-Flowering:** 6 June

**Mid-Véraison:** 9 August

**Harvest:** from 22 September to 8 October

