CHÂTEAU DUHART-MILON

In Duhart-Milon too, in its drier gravels in the north-east of the appellation, the rainfall in mid-August was miraculous : it gave us the capacity to calmly wait for perfect ripeness. The whole vineyard, and even our young vines, remained beautiful and active right till the end. With that perfect “good stress”.

In the Pauillac cellars, the summer was spent in construction to make sure that the site was finished in time for the arrival of the harvest. The baptism of fire, collecting the grapes in crates, took place on the Caillou plot of young Merlots on 12 September. In the vat room, the teams were ready to receive the harvest and inaugurate the gravity flow reception. We held our breath as the first berries fell into the tanks, round and intact like marbles. Everything worked well (a minor breakdown of the lift caused more fear than harm!). Alexandre’s team quickly found its feet, and each plot now has its own tank, and even the possibility of further subdividing zones in the quest for even higher qualities.

For the blending, we found twice the usual number of glasses on the table and a nice surprise in terms of quality... and quantity. The Duhart vineyard performed very well this year, with a yield of 36 hectolitres per hectare. In this year of uneven yields, we seem to have reaped the rewards of our work to restructure the vineyard, which began in 2016.

Bud burst:	**Mid-Flowering:**	**Mid-Véraison:**
25 March	26 May	1 August

Harvest:
from 9 September to 29 September

Blend:
72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot

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