



## CHÂTEAU DUHART-MILON 2019



At Duhart-Milon, the ideal moment to start harvesting our high-quality Merlots, planted on gravel, came on September 19th. Those on clay could wait a few more days.

This year again, we found that our Merlots on gravel (riper) were a good complement for those on clay (cooler and later), allowing us to go for good ripeness in this grape variety, which makes up a third of our blend, while retaining nice fresh fruit.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon vines seem to have better anticipated the heat this year, preventing them from shutting down in July despite the heat wave (the pressure chamber to measure stem water potential never displayed less than  $-1.4$ ) and then allowing them to ripen gradually during a milder August.

Light rains in mid-September were very beneficial to the end of ripening in the Duhart-Milon gravels, more arid than those of the Lafite plateau.

*Bud burst : 27 March*

*Mid-Flowering : 4 June*

*Mid-Véraison : from 8 to 12 August*

*Harvest : from 19 September to 4 October*

*Blend : 70% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
30% Merlot*