CHÂTEAU L'ÉVANGILE

In Pomerol, where we sometimes lacked water, we did not take the risk of waiting too long and went into the vineyard on 2 September. We were, by the way, the first to harvest on the plateau. The goal? To harvest grapes bursting with fruit and avoid candied aromas: our young Merlots will thank us for it, because they were spared a heatwave that arrived on the 4th. Juliette, our new Technical Director, landed straight from China at the same time and immediately put on her boots to survey the vines and mark out our plots to separate the areas with different ripeness. After that, everything fell into place: we were not long in harvesting most of our plots and almost everything had been brought in before the second heatwave on 14 September.

This year, Juliette and Olivier gave preferential treatment to our Cabernets Francs and selected the most promising vines from the heart of each of the youngest plots to pick them early. This was a nice surprise, resulting in an aromatic selection with interesting freshness that will partly go into our blend for the Grand Vin, in addition to our historic Cabernets Francs from Chantecaille. In the cellar, we worked with a higher proportion of one-year barrels compared to new oak, to enhance the balance.

Bud burst:Mid-Flowering:Mid-Véraison:24 March24 May27 July

Harvest:

From 2 September to 21 September

Blend:

Château L'Evangile: 88% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc Blason de L'Evangile: 87,5% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 0,5% Cabernet Sauvignon

