



2016 - Red wine

Since Robert de Ferran, solicitor at the Bordeaux Parliament, who gave his name to this exceptional vineyard, and Montesquieu, philosopher winegrower, owner of the domaine in the 18th century, this *terroir* has always produced red and white wines which were then known as “Premiers graves Martillac”

The property has belonged to an old Bordelais family since 1880, and today the descendants of Joseph Beraud-Sudreau, Philippe and Ghislane Lacoste, have been managing the estate since 1999.

A lot of work has been done in recent years to restructure the vineyard and renovate the cellars which has quickly resulted in numerous medals and good scores given by French, British and American wine writers, particularly during the futures tastings.

The work in the vineyard: debudding, defoliation, green harvest, hand picking parcel by parcel, sorting at the vineyard or in the cellars, enables the selection and assembling of the best batches during the *élevage* for the Château Ferran, and the blending of a more supple second wine under the name of Château de Belloc.

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Harvest: by hand. Excellent grape's state of health during all harvest time
Sorting at the vineyards and in the cellars
Merlot beginning on September the 28th
Petit Verdot beginning on October the 4th
Cabernet Sauvignon beginning on October the 12th.

Yield : 54hl/ha

Surface Area : 15 ha

Blending: 78% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 5500 cases

Density: 7140 wine plants per hectares

Geology: Hillocks of Miocene clay and limestone with some gravel

Vinification in stainless steel thermo-regulated vats during 20 days

Aging: in merrain oak barrels during 12 months – 30% new oak

SCORE

JAMES SUCKLING: Round and fruity wine with plum and berry character. Medium to full body and chewy finish.

Note : 90-91

Location: Martillac, close to château Latour-Martillac