



FRANK PHELAN 2012

Harvest:

- **Merlot**: 8 to 14 October.
- **Cabernet Sauvignon** : 13 to 19 October

Tasting notes dated 15 January 2015

Red fruit bouquet with good maturity (cherries, strawberries).
Delicate texture; sweet, voluptuous, well-rounded attack. Silky tannins provide excellent density on the mid-palate. Very nice smooth finish with lingering flavours; the 2012 Frank PHELAN makes enjoyable drinking when it is still very young.

GRAPE VARIETIES:

Cabernet Sauvignon : 60%
Merlot : 40%

WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE YEAR:

➤ **Rainfall:**

February and March were relatively dry. Rainfall in April was twice the average. July and September 2012 were very dry; weather conditions deteriorated from late September.

➤ **From flowering to harvest**

Flowering: Uneven. Following a late bud break, flowering was spread over June
Start of ripening: Spread over August
Flower abortion: Low and variable depending on plot and varietal
Leaf removal: Removal of leaves and thinning of bunches adapted to the water stress for each plot.

➤ **The harvests**

The dramatic change in the weather at the end of September meant that great care was required
Our capacity to harvest quickly (12 days) enabled us to work calmly and stay in control