

CHATEAU LESPAULT-MARTILLAC

2011

VINTAGE 2011

**“Good quality despite
very special weather conditions”**

A slightly rainy winter was followed by a severe and hot drought until July.

It was **“summer during spring”!!**

The effect of such conditions was the vines stop growing. Our unique deep gravel terroir hydrated the vines enough, so as to grow correctly.

A relatively humid and fresh climate lasted until the end of August.

It was **“spring in summer”!!**

It was **paradoxically very beneficial** to the vines which started maturation in fabulous conditions.

Luckily, wonderful **summer came back in September** and ripened all the varieties with high concentration.

Harvest began 2 weeks earlier than usual: Dry White from 23/08 till 9/09 (37 hl/ha) and Reds from 13/09 till 30/09 (30 hl/ha). Yields were low but of superb quality.

Despite this precocity, one month of trimming off unripe berries and soft vinification were necessary to express the best of the fruit and to keep style of the terroir.

We are **sure that we have made a wonderful dry white wine:** rich and aromatic, fine and silky with freshness and great acidity balance.

More than ever this vintage is **the pure reflection of a great terroir and healthy vineyards** grown with all the necessary care. We had to select more than usual, to choose, to sort out, to decide...

Our choices and surgical handpicking adapted to delicate vinification is the the key to the succes of our 2011 wines!

A real “Vigneron’s” Vintage!



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PRIMEUR BLANC

2011

80 % SAUVIGNON
20 % SEMILLON

14 ° - PH : 3,15

YIELD : 39 HL/HECTARE

TASTING :

Château LESPAULT-MARTILLAC
Dry White, Vintage 2011

80% sauvignon - 20% sémillon

Pale gold with green glint.

Intense nose of citrus and exotic fruits. Floral fragrance of acacia and honeysuckle. Gravely soils notes (flint and menthol).

Large and generous on the palate with wonderful vivacity. Pulp and delicate ripe fruit flavors. Pure fruit and nice acidity which gives tension and long tasty finish.



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