

2014

**A BEAUTIFUL INDIAN SUMMER
FOR A GREAT VINTAGE 2014!**

From August 27, 60 days of sunny weather allowed salutary turnaround bringing week after week full maturity of our different varieties. A great richness of fruit and at a very good level of acidity (stigma of a cool summer), ensured the highly success of 2014!

Climate stages of 2014 vintage:

- Early Spring and excellent conditions during flowering at the beginning of June, fairly low volumes expected.

- Temperate Summer, stormy and wet until late August: the vine grows and maturity is delayed. These special conditions require sustained work of vigneron for the protection of the vineyard...

- Fortunately, in the last days of August, summer climate is back... until late October! This bright sunshine accompanied by dry winds concentrates the fruit. The cool nights are excellent for good maturity and fine tannins.

The different varieties then reach optimum ripeness, including great Cabernet Sauvignon that will be harvested in beauty, from October 15.

2014 HARVESTS :

WHITE GRAPES : from 10 to 15 September

RED GRAPES :

- Merlot : October 2 and 3
- Cabernet sauvignon : from 15 to 18 October



**CHATEAU LESPAULT-MARTILLAC
BLANC
2014**

ASSEMBLAGE : 75 % SAUVIGNON - 25 % SEMILLON
HARVEST : FROM 10 TO 15 SEPTEMBER
ALC : 13,5% VOL.

A.O.C. PESSAC-LEOQNAN

SOLS : Graves profondes / sous-sol argilo-graveleux

ROUGE : 8 hectares [60% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot, 5 % Malbec].

BLANC : 1 hectare [80% sauvignon, 20% Sémillon].

AGE MOYEN : 40 ans

DENSITÉ PLANTATION : 6600 pieds/ha

HARVEST - VINIFICATION - WHITE

In the vineyard, three to five successive waves of hand-picking ("tries"). Each bunch is picked at its best maturity.

Slow direct pneumatic pressing without destemming and without maceration.

Settling in cuvon by gravity and alcoholic fermentation in barrels. No malolactic fermentation.

Aged in barrels on fine lees during 9 months with bâtonnage (stirring the lees with a stick) (1/4 new oak)

TASTING :

Fresh and generous expression of intense aromas of Sauvignon Blanc, on citrus and exotic white fruit. The sweet and floral signature of Semillon participates in the pleasure and subtle complexity.

Fleshy and luscious mouth, fruity acidity tension with well-defined fresh mineral notes. High purity sensation. Radiant wine, very tasty, long finish...



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