

Château Giscours 2011



Blend:

75 % Cabernet Sauvignon
20 % Merlot
5 % Petit Verdot

Harvest : from 12/09 to 01/10/2011

First impressions

The Cabernet Sauvignon and the Merlot flowered very uniformly.

The vintage's earliness was slightly reduced in certain cases where the lack of water slowed down the vines' development.

The plots used to make Giscours' Grand Vin were placed in vats by an entirely gravity operated system, created through structural changes and the use of mobile vats. The system enables the fruit to be preserved intact and to be placed in vats without the use of pumps.

The Merlot (20%) has fine fresh flavours and a sweetness that produces a delightfully seductive finish.

The Cabernet Sauvignon (75%), with very silky tannins, is unquestionably the success story of this vintage.

The freshness (acidity) is remarkable for a ripeness with such high levels of phenolic potential. The concentrated finish reveals tremendous precision.

The Petit Verdot (5%) offers incomparable quality and contributes to the mid-palate of this Cabernet/Merlot blend.

Château du Tertre 2011



Blend:

60 % Cabernet Sauvignon
10 % Merlot
20 % Cabernet Franc
10 % Petit Verdot

Harvest: from 08/09 to 27/09/2011

First impressions

Flowering was very fast and perfectly uniform for all of the grape varieties. Such ideal conditions favoured excellent fertilization.

For the first year for a long time, the balance between the sugars and the acids was considerably better and the natural alcohol contents of the musts did not exceed an average of 13° for the Merlot and 12.8 for the Cabernet.

Beyond any doubt, the 2011 vintage of Château du Tertre will mark a return to a more classic style of wine than has been seen in recent years, with a fresh, voluptuous, powerful tannic structure.

The big surprise came essentially from the Cabernet Franc that, despite the difficult conditions in the spring and then the cooler summer, developed a precise, pure style, with a tremendous richness of fruit.

The Merlot (10%) offered, as always, a more exuberant, seductive style, but with good structure.

The Cabernet Sauvignon (60%) was pure, tightly woven and fruity. It provides structure and balance combined with a superb finesse. Finally, the Petit Verdot (10%) brings a hint of spice to the finish and a tannic structure that prolongs the sensations on the palate.