

« THIS 2020 VINTAGE IS A MAGNIFICENT SURVIVOR OF A TOTALLY ABNORMAL CLIMATE: A VERY WET SPRING AND AN EXTREMELY DRY SUMMER. IN THE END, THE WINE IS DENSE, COMPLEX AND VERY FRESH; ALL QUALITIES OF AN EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE. »

VINCENT PRIOU, DIRECTEUR

APPELLATION: Pomerol SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD: 17.5 hectares (43 acres) AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES: 30 years TERROIR: Clay-gravel on the south-east edge of the famous Pomerol plateau



Certified Organic Wine

2020 VINTAGE

YIELD: 36 HL/HA PRODUCTION 34 000 bouteilles BLEND: 70 % Merlot + 30 % Cabernet Franc

ANALYSISDATA:

TVA: 14 % val TA: 2,79 g/L pH : 3,81

WEATHERCONDITIONS

Winter : Overall very mild with high rainfall (650mm from October to March). Spring : Very early bud break at the end of March. A surplus of rainfall throughout the spring with mild weather except for two periods of cooler temperatures at the end of March and mid-May. Numerous stormy days brought sudden accumulations of precipitation. Very intense growth of the vines with favourable conditions for mildou -> great effort and vigilance for the protection of the vineyard during this time.

Early flowering began on May 11th and took place under good conditions and a homogeneous manner.

Summer: Marked by a refreshing period at the end of June. A phase of drought sets in until mid-August and finishes with some stormy days. The contrast between the start of the wet season and heavy drought period induced a strong and sudden water stress for the young vines. The month of September was quite unusual, marked by above average temperatures which accelerated the start of harvest.

HARVEST MANUAL AND PLOT-BY-PLOT

DU 8 AU 29 SEPTEMBER

Manual sorting, high-frequency de-stemmer, laser optical sorting table. Harvest passes through cold chambers to lower temperature to 6°C.

WINE MAKING PROCESS PLOT-BY-PLOT

The gravity-flow cellar receives the berries by small 3hl bin using a lift/elevator. 22 pure concrete, tronconical vats with integrated temperature-control receive and keep the crop, individally, plot by plot.

Alcoholic Fermentation: Regulated between 26 and 30 degrees Celsius depending on the potential of the tanks and the desired tannic extraction. Vatting period between 3 and 4 weeks.

Malolactic fermentation in new barrels for the best vats.

Ageing

18 months in 45 % aged in new, french oak barrels from 5 different cooperages. Small selection aged in terra cotta jars.

