



CHÂTEAU POUJEAUX 2019

OWNER Philippe CUVELIER

MANAGING DIRECTOR Matthieu CUVELIER

ESTATE MANAGER Christophe LABENNE

APPELLATION Moulis-en-Médoc

SURFACE AREA 70 hectares (173 acres) **SOILS** Günz-era gravel

DENSITY OF PLANTATION 10,000 vines/ha

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES 30 years

CONSULTANT Stéphane Deroncourt

ESTATE PHILOSOPHY

As the owner of Château Poujeaux for the last twelve years, the Cuvelier family have consistently sought to improve and enhance their Médoc estate. With a highly committed team, their philosophy is to preserve the values of family, people and high standards of quality, while seeking to bring out in the wines the terroir and all its complexity.

The harmony found in the wines of Château Poujeaux is underpinned by a balanced grape composition in the vineyard, vinification of whole uncrushed berries, ageing in barrels, which together produce a wine that is dense, silky, complex and subtle, which faithfully expresses its terroir in each and every vintage.

THE 2019 VINTAGE

HARVEST 25 September to 14 October 2019

BLEND 50% Cabernet Sauvignon - 45% Merlot - 5% Petit Verdot

VINIFICATION Fermentation of whole uncrushed berries in 51 temperature-controlled stainless steel, oak and concrete vats of capacities designed for plot by plot vinifications; extraction through pump-overs; a vatting time of 20 to 25 days

AGEING 33% new barrels - 67% second and third-fill barrels - 12 months' ageing

ANALYSES Alc. 14.5° - pH 3.80

PRODUCTION 48 hl/ha - 280,000 bottles

DESCRIPTION OF THE VINTAGE

IN THE VINES After a mild, rainy autumn, winter was marked by heavy rainfall and temperatures becoming milder at the end of winter. After an early start to the growing season, a number of frosty spring nights caused nerves to become frayed. Vine shooting was uneven on account of numerous disruptive spells of storms and strong winds, and the vines continued to shoot for the whole of the season. The weather pattern only settled when a dry and scorching hot summer arrived. The return of mild temperatures and rain before the harvest enabled the grapes to acquire richness, balance and excellent concentration.

IN THE CELLARS The yields and concentration levels in the grapes were satisfactory. The richness and aromatic complexity in all of the grape varieties harvested at the estate promised, right from the picking, great potential, which was confirmed at the beginning of the ensuing ageing process. The resulting wine, with its superb balance, finesse and depth, extends a series of wonderful vintages.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR A deep garnet hue with brilliant bright purple glints

NOSE Intensely aromatic with notes of violets, blackcurrant, flint and cigar-box

PALATE The entry is homogeneously velvety smooth

The tannins are silky

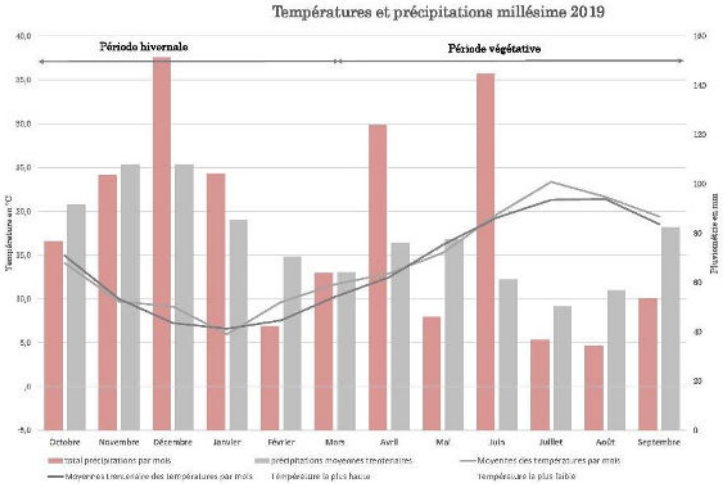
Great minerality, beautiful finesse and elegance

Outstanding length of flavour.



2019 VINTAGE

The climatic conditions of the 2019 vintage were marked by a mild winter with heavy rainfall, followed by the arrival of an early spring with the danger of frosts. The core of the spring months was rainy before dry, scorching summer weather set in. Temperatures turned milder just before the harvest, enhancing the roundness and softness of this 2019 vintage.



VINE CYCLE STAGES AND HARVESTING DATES:

	Bud-break	Mid-flowering point	Mid-veraison	Harvest
Merlot	1 April	27 May	09 August	25 September to 7 October
Cabernet Franc	7 April	1 June	13 August	4 to 14 October
Cabernet Sauvignon	6 April	1 June	12 August	7 to 14 October
Petit Verdot	7 April	4 June	18 August	7 to 9 October

2019 GROWING SEASON FACTS AT CHATEAU POUJEAUX:

- A mild, rainy winter bringing about an early bud-break
- Danger of spring frosts on 13 April and then on 5 and 6 May, 2019!
- Very wet in April and June with numerous storms
- Flowering process a bit drawn-out with the odd fruit-set failure
- June was disrupted by wind and storms, and there was vigorous vine growth
- The beginning of summer was very hot with heatwaves on 23 to 27 June, 3 to 5 July and 22 to 25 July with highs of over 40°C
- A relatively even veraison
- Water deficit right up to the harvest, favouring concentration in the berries
- Very fine summer ripening conditions (slight water stress, high temperatures and wide fluctuations in temperatures between day and night)
- Some refreshing autumn rain showers that enhanced ripeness

CHATEAU POUJEAUX 2019 CHARACTERISTICS:

- Satisfactory yields and very good concentration
- Rich aromatics in the blend
- Harmonious, subtle and elegant structure
- Balance and roundness on the palate
- Lovely aromatic complexity