

Pédesclaux
2022





Harvest Report

FROM 09/12/2022 TO 09/27/2022

BLEND	CHÂTEAU PÉDESCLAUX	FLEUR DE PÉDESCLAUX
Cabernet-Sauvignon	68 %	46 %
Merlot	22 %	49 %
Cabernet franc	7 %	—
Petit Verdot	3 %	5 %
New oak	65 %	35 %
Proportion	56 %	44 %
ANALYSIS	CHÂTEAU PÉDESCLAUX	FLEUR DE PÉDESCLAUX
Alcohol (%vol)	14.44	14.24
Total acidity	3.7	3.6
pH	3.86	3.79
TPI	70	69

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2022, the first *certified-organic vintage*

The 2022 vintage marks a milestone for Château Pédesclaux, thanks to it being the first that received certification for organic viticulture. This is the result of an ambitious project

led by the Lorenzetti family since their acquisition of this Pauillac Grand Cru Classé in 2009, informed by their commitment to eco-responsible practices.

Outstanding Cabernets

The winter was characterised by contrasting conditions, with alternating cold and mild periods, and minimal rainfall throughout. A late frost limited the yields of some of the Merlot vines planted on our oldest plots. Our ongoing efforts to replace Merlot vines with new Cabernet

Sauvignon plantings – which have been taking place for over 10 years – nonetheless allow us to increasingly limit the impact of frost. Moreover, our work to build substantial plant cover, across all of our plots, protects a significant proportion of the buds.

An omnipresent heat

Spring was followed by a scorching summer with significant drought, though our vines reacted brilliantly to these extreme conditions. Substantial rainfall on 20th June replenished water reserves – the effect of which was multiplied tenfold thanks to the presence of clay within our deep gravel soils, alongside or-

ganic matter from our green manures and compost. Because of these warm conditions, the berries were extremely small and concentrated in polyphenols, reaching their full maturity in the first half of September. Indeed, 2022 joins 2020 and 2003 among the earliest harvests ever seen in Bordeaux.

A serene harvest

The 2022 harvest began on 12th September with our Merlots, and 19th September for our Cabernets – with excellent weather conditions throughout. Picking of the two varieties finished 16th September and 27th September respectively,

two days before the 2020 vintage. The first vintage of Château Pédesclaux to be certified organic, 2022 was also unique as a result of the notably small berries – resulting in depth and balance.

A new 1982, *only bigger?*

Despite the extreme and warm weather conditions, 2022 surprises us with its balance and freshness. A unique blend of the best qualities from the last three great vintages of Pédesclaux, 2022 combines the energy of 2018, the concentration and freshness of 2019, and the linearity of 2020. An exceptional vintage, 2022 illustrates a rare depth of color, while the concentration and fleshiness of the Merlot creates sapidity on the palate. The Petit

Verdot imparts a floral touch and a notable tannic finesse, while the Cabernet Franc lends spicy notes and further enhances the depth of the wine. The Cabernet Sauvignon is beautifully integrated, providing a certain dynamism and a strong Pauillac identity to the 2022.

