

Vintage : 2021

Production : 58 000 bottles

Merlot 82% - Cabernet Franc 18 %

Alcohol content : 13°

Appellation : Pomerol. Area : Right Bank. Region : Bordeaux.

Vineyard and soil type : 23 hectares on small gravel and pebble soils of the Isle river terrace, clayey-gravel and sandy soils over clay or gravel sub-soils.

Viticulture : eco-responsible

Vinification and ageing : traditional Bordeaux methods.

Distribution : through wine merchants of the Place de Bordeaux.

Owner : SCE Château La Pointe.

General Manager : Eric Monneret.

Vine and Wine Consultant : Hubert de Bouïard de Laforest.

Member of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A year that demanded our full attention.

In 2021 it was more the technical teams than the vines that suffered from stress !

The weather conditions were unpredictable, and a lot of determination was needed to maintain our vine-care programme without abandoning our environmental commitments.

It all began with the April frost. Luckily, despite our worries, there was not much harm done and only a few leaves were damaged. This cold spell did slow down the vine's development, however, resulting in quite a lot of flower shatter on the Merlots during blossoming, and consequently the forecast of a low yield.

Next came the mildew attacks, which were unbelievably strong due to the abundant rainfall in the spring and early summer. The struggle seemed endless, particularly as we aim to protect the vineyard with 'organic' or 'biocontrol' products. Our vine workers showed immense dedication, including at the weekends.

The preservation of active foliage was determinant in the success of this rather late vintage. We were thus able to wait until the 27th September to pick our first Merlots and as late as the 13th October to harvest the last Cabernet-Francs in the best conditions. A rigorous sorting allowed us to eliminate any imperfect grapes and bring a good homogeneous crop into the cellar.

This was a vintage requiring meticulousness in the winemaking to find the right balance, choosing gentle extraction to ensure finesse in the tannins. 2021 is a precise, elegant vintage, pleasantly fresh : faithful to the profile of Château La Pointe wines.

