

**Vintage :** 2022

**Production :** 61 000 bottles

**Merlot 84% - Cabernet Franc 16%**

**Alcohol :** 14°

**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 Boüard de Laforest.

**Member of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux.**

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

### A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



The extremely mild winter resulted in a very worrying early budburst. Frost damage was finally negligible and spring continued peacefully, with no real risk of mildew. The flowering, which took place in excellent weather conditions, was both very quick and even across the vineyard.

Despite a hot and, above all, very dry summer, the vines were on top form. The great dedication of the technical team regarding the evolution in farming practices, the respect of microbial life in the soils and the mastery of vegetal cover are all concrete factors allowing the vine to resist in the context of ever more contrasting weather conditions. We observed proof of this in the beautiful green foliage which remained active right up until mid-October.

10 mm of rainfall at the end of July, then another 25 mm thanks to two storms after the 13th August, along with regular generous morning dew that wet the leaves, also helped to avoid any blocking of the ripening process.

Historically early, the harvest began on 5th September for the Merlot plots and finished on 17th September with the Cabernet-Franc. We quickly discovered rich and well-balanced juices, presenting a wonderful acidity, confirming that the grapes (especially the Merlots) were picked at the ideal moment. The crop volume was unfortunately low in this vintage that will undoubtedly figure among the greatest at La Pointe.