



## THE VINEYARD

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<b>Surface of production for red:</b>	40 ha (total surface: 50 ha)
<b>Nature of the soil:</b>	Gūnz gravel from the Quaternary period, on the plateau above the village of Martillac
<b>Grape varieties:</b>	55% Cabernet Sauvignon; 40% Merlot; 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Pruning:</b>	Double Guyot system for Cabernet Sauvignon, Cordon system for Merlot and Petit Verdot
<b>Density of planting:</b>	7200 feet/ha
<b>Average age of the vineyard:</b>	15 years
<b>Vineyard management:</b>	Traditional methods with mechanical ploughing. Sustainable Vine Protection. Green harvesting by hand: desuckering, excess bud removal, leaf thinning, removal of secondary shoots.

## PRESENTATION OF THE VINTAGE

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Winter and spring were cool, wet and humid, with double the average rainfall in January (151mm vs 86mm on average). The first buds appeared in April with a 15 day delay and the flowering, in June, took place even in the rain... Fortunately July was dry and hot (July was the warmest on record in the last 14 years).

Our teams worked throughout the summer in the vineyards removing leaves and rigorous green harvest in August and September. Despite the low yields, we sacrificed green clusters to allow the plants to focus their energy on the remaining clusters in order to homogenize the harvest as much as possible. Late leaf removal later facilitated additional ventilation clusters thereby reducing the risk of rots. The harvest took place 2 weeks later than average.

### Vine cycle:

Bud break: from the 18th of March to the 8th of April

Flowering: full flower the 20th of June

Fruit set: from the 6th to the 15th of July

Veraison: from the 5th to the 18th August

### Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking

Merlot: from the 1st to the 10th of October

Cabernet Sauvignon: from the 7th to the 16th of October

### Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats

Ageing: 12 months in French oak barrel

(new barrels: 25%)

Alcohol: 13°



## TASTING

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<b>Blending:</b>	Plot selection from young vines, 60 % Cabernet Sauvignon – 40% Merlot
<b>Bottling:</b>	At the Chateau, in May 2015 - 48 000 bottles
<b>Distribution:</b>	CVBG

« This 2013 vintage reveals fruity and spicy aromas. The attack is supple with a structure of lightly oaked, red fruit flavours. A lovely, well-balanced finish with delicate tannins. Drinking over the next 4 to 5 years. »