



## 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>	7,200 feet/ha
<b>Average age of the vineyard:</b>	25 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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After a dry winter, the flowering was hindered by heavy rains in May and June, leading to some coulure and millerandage, especially on the young Merlot vines. A wet summer did nothing for the change of colour of the berries, but a miraculous September allowed the complete ripening of the two main varieties. The Indian summer led to astoundingly expressive Cabernet Sauvignon, which represents almost two thirds of the final blend.

### Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking  
From the 24<sup>th</sup> of September to the 11<sup>th</sup> of October

### Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats  
Ageing: 18 months in French oak barrel  
New barrels: 40%  
Alcohol: 13%



## TASTING

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<b>Blending:</b>	63% Cabernet Sauvignon - 32% Merlot - 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Bottling:</b>	At the Château, in May 2004 – 10,200 cases
<b>Distribution:</b>	Place de Bordeaux

« A beautiful ruby colour with a brick rim. The first impressions of this wine suggest a delicate complexity on ripe fruits aromas (black cherry and Morello cherry), smoky spices and grilled flavours. The palette reveals a good level of acidity, which is perfectly integrated in this elegant wine. The tannins are rounded and full-bodied whilst still retaining a delicateness. The finish is liquorish, slightly minty and long. Guaranteed to last a long time. »