



THE VINEYARD

Surface of production for red:	40 ha (total surface: 50 ha)
Nature of the soil:	Gūnz gravel from the Quaternary period, on the plateau above the village of Martillac
Grape varieties:	55% Cabernet Sauvignon; 40% Merlot; 5% Petit Verdot
Pruning:	Double Guyot system for Cabernet Sauvignon, Cordon system for Merlot and Petit Verdot
Density of planting:	7,200 feet/ha
Average age of the vineyard:	25 years
Vineyard management:	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

A cold winter finishing with an even colder month of March, explains a late bud break. This late start was quickly offset by very mild temperatures from the 10th of April. The early and clustered flowering began at the end of May, the weather conditions in June allowed an even and rapid flowering. The months of June and July were particularly hot and dry. A water shortage led to the creation of small berries and a stop to early growth of the vine. The rainy period at the beginning of August was beneficial in producing a speedy ripening. The harvesting started early and spread out. The dry conditions of September and October allowed us to harvest the Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at the optimum time.

Vine cycle:

Budbreak: from the 15th of March to the 30th of April
Flowering: from the 21st of May to the 10th of June (full flower: 8th of June)
Berry set: from the 29th of June to the 6th of July
Veraison: from the 27th of July to the 12th of August

Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking
Merlot: from the 15th to the 23rd of September
Cabernet Sauvignon: from the 30th of September to the 8th of October

Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats
Ageing: 12 months in French oak barrel
New barrels: 25%
Alcohol: 14%



TASTING

Blending:	60% Merlot - 40% Cabernet Sauvignon Plot selection from young vines
Bottling:	At the Château, in June 2017 – 12,000 bottles

« 2015 is an intense deep purple. The nose reveals a mix of black fruits (blackcurrant, blackberry) spices and lovely toasty notes. The mouth is well-balanced, powerful and well-structured, softened on the finish by silky tannins from the Merlot. The finish is long and attractive. »