



## THE VINEYARD

- *Production area* 48 ha for the red (total surface : 57 ha)
- *Nature of the soil* Gunz 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 (Cabernet Sauvignon) and cordon (Merlot and Petit Verdot)
- *Planting density* 7200 feet/ ha
- *Average age of the vines* 25 years old
- *Vineyard management* Traditional sustainable farming methods, with mechanical soil maintenance. The work on the growing vines is carried out manually (pruning, excess buds, shoots and leaves removal).

## INTRODUCTION TO THE VINTAGE

2018 was a year marked by a spell of frost in April, and followed in quick succession by an episode of hail on the 26th of May. The year was also marked by heavy downpours in spring before getting better conditions for the flowering. Despite the attack of mildew at the beginning of summer in certain parcels of red vines, the sunny period from July through the beginning of October truly saved the vintage and guaranteed a good ripening of the grapes.

The reds required a lot of attention at both stages of picking and sorting: those parcels affected by mildew. The meticulousness of our vineyard pickers, plus the effectiveness of our talented cellar team and our technical ability helped maintain healthy and ripe grapes.

### *Vine cycle*

- Budbreak: from the 2nd to the 9th of April
- Flowering: from the 28th of May to the 3rd of June (full flower: the 31st of May)
- Berry set: from the 25th to the 31st of June
- Veraison: from the 27th of July to the 18th of August

### *Harvest*

- Plot by plot handpicking
- Merlot: from the 17th to the 28th of September
- Petit Verdot: 1st of October
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from the 2nd to the 10th of October

### *Vinification*

- Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats
- Ageing: 16 months in French oak barrel
- New barrels: 40%
- Alcohol: 14.5%



## TASTING

- Blending 60% Cabernet Sauvignon - 32% Merlot - 8% Petit Verdot
- Bottling At the Château, in May 2020 - 128,000 bottles
- Distribution Place de Bordeaux

« Deep red colour, with purple reflections. A complex and aromatic nose with notes of black fruit (black cherry, blackcurrant), cashew and peony. The palate is well-balanced, round and fleshy, with powerful and velvety tannins. The finish is long and aromatic. »