



## THE VINEYARD

- *Production area* 46 Ha for the red (total surface : 55 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). High Environmental Value certification (HVE).

## INTRODUCTION TO THE VINTAGE

The very wet winter gave way to a mild and particularly dry spring, with only 40 mm of precipitation in March-April, compared to 70 mm on average. This month of April was marked by several episodes of frost, causing some damage to the earliest plots.

Flowering, at the beginning of June, was particularly uniform. The summer was relatively cool, with the exception of a heat wave at the end of July and mid-August, which led to a slight delay in the veraison.

The red grape harvest began late on September 24th and ended on October 13th. 2021 is the first vintage driven by Edouard Kressmann.

### *Vine cycle*

- Bud break : March 12
- Flowering : May 24 to June 20 (full flower on June 10)
- Ripening : July 19 to August 20

### *Harvest*

- Plot by plot handpicking
- Merlot: September 24 to October 1
- Cabernet Sauvignon: October 1 to 13

### *Vinification*

- Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats
- Ageing: 12 months in French oak barrel
- New barrels: 20%
- Alcohol: 13%



## TASTING

- Blending 50% Merlot - 50% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bottling At the Château, in May 2023 - 27,000 bottles
- Distribution Place de Bordeaux

Lacroix-Martillac Red 2021 has a brilliant ruby-red color. The highly aromatic nose reveals red fruits (Morello cherry, cherry), with a touch of pepper. On the palate, the attack is smooth and round. The tannins are silky. The finish is fresh, with a hint of chocolate.