



## PRESENTATION :

In the Médoc, upon the plateau of Arcins, between Margaux and Moulis, lying upon one of the finest Gunzian gravel hillcrests on the banks of the Gironde estuary, a place which has firmly established the renown of neighbouring estates, Châteaux Chasse Spleen and Poujeaux, we chose to conscientiously breathe new life into an exceptional wine and an outstanding terroir.

## THAT VINTAGE :

A very wet year, except from mid-July to mid-September. Strong, but perfectly controlled, threat of Botrytis. Healthy grapes with good colour and tannins and less acidity than in the 2011 and 2010 vintages.

**HARVEST START DATE :** 8<sup>th</sup> of October

## VINEYARD :

- **5 hectares** of vines
- **Soil :** a deep layer of Quaternary Gunzian gravel on the Arcins plateau, near the Gironde estuary, which moderates weather conditions here
- **Planting density :** 10 000 vines per hectare.
- **Average age** of vines: 40 years old.

## FINAL BLEND :

- **64% Cabernet Sauvignon** provides structure, aromas and fruitiness
- **36% Merlot** gives roundness and richness.

This vintage contained the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon since Château Arnauld was relaunched.

## VINIFICATION :

100% manual harvest with sorting on the vine and two sortings before destemming on harvest conveyor.  
100% new barrel ageing for 16 to 18 months.

## TASTING NOTES:

Very deep, dark ruby, almost black with deep purple reflections. Nose of white pepper, cigar, ash with some nutty notes (pecan, hazelnut). The palate is very dense and powerful, marked by Cabernet Sauvignon tannins of great finesse. Plenty of tightness in this vintage, which remains one of the greatest successes of this growth.

To be decanted 2 hours before tasting  
Enjoy from now until 2025-2030

## MEDALS AND AWARDS :

WINE ENTHUSIAST  
(May 1<sup>st</sup>, 015)

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JAMES SUCKLING  
(February 23th, 2015)

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JEAN-MARC QUARIN

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ROBERT PARKER

A Sleeper of the vintage

Is a big-time winner in the values sweepstakes.

(april 2015)



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## NOTES

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