



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 :

After a rather mild winter without too much rain and a cool start to spring, bud burst started at the beginning of April and was drawn out because of the cool temperatures and a lack of water.

This was followed by a very long period of drought from the beginning of May until the middle of véraison, leading to fears for the yield because at the start of véraison the berries were very much smaller than normal (at least 20 to 30%). As from mid véraison, very wet weather followed up until harvest, with cumulative rainfall from July to the end of October of 263.5 mm, an abnormally high quantity not seen in recent years. The berries became larger as from the end of véraison, returning to their normal size.

HARVEST START DATE: 19 september

VINEYARD :

- **17 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.

GRAPE VARIETALS:

- **70% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **20% Merlot**
- **10% de Petit Verdot**

FINAL BLEND:

- **52% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **43% Merlot**
- **5% de Petit Verdot**

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 nice deep ruby colour, dazzling. Nose of black cherry, salted caramel, gingerbread. Full and indulgent on the palate with notes of brioche. Very nice impression of sweetness. Harmonious and generous overall, ending with an elegant and smooth finish.

To be decanted 2 hours before tasting

Enjoy from now until 2023-2028

MEDALS AND AWARDS

- **JAMES SUCKLING : 94/100** Full body, chewy tannins and a fresh finish. (mars 2016)
- **Wine Enthusiast Magazine : 93/100** It has broad tannins, ripe blackberry fruit and a generous, succulent character. It should be aged further so drink from 2024.
- **WINE ADVOCATE : 90/100**
- **JEAN MARC QUARIN : 16,5/20**
- **YVES BECK : 90/100**
- **JEB DUNNUCK : 90/100**
- **JANCIS ROBINSON : 16,5/20** Bright crimson still with some purple. Light stony nose. Lovely round texture with sufficient acidity and tannin underneath. Very fresh but not skinny. A success.
- **MUNDUS VINI : Gold Medal**
- **CWSA 2019 : Double Gold Medal / Bordeaux Wine Of The Year Trophy**

