

# Collection Arnauld 2016



## PRESENTATION:

In the Médoc, on 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.

## COLLECTION ARNAULD:

An exceptional marriage between a very great terroir in the Haut-Médoc, on the riverbank alongside the village of Lamarque, and a very great terroir in the Perche natural park, with its magnificent forests of sessile oak trees.

The remarkable oak from this forest, more than 350 years old, shows a very uniform fine grain and imparts some of its geographical heritage to the wine.

A light toast of the ten barrels fashioned using age-old techniques, and respect for the wine is total.

Aromas of blackcurrant and blackberry are mingled with vanilla, liquorice and cocoa notes. The palate is smooth, spicy and airy. Nothing dominates because everything is in harmony!

The vineyard is the major key to producing great Médoc wines. A planting density of 8,500 to 11,000 vines/ha, an average age of more than 40 years, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot grape varieties, and the location with low slopes with a south-western exposure benefiting from the tempering effect of the river.

Carefully thought-out pruning, soil maintenance by ploughing, leaf removal by hand adapted to the climatic conditions of the year and control of yields on the vine are the main features of this "High Culture".

Moderate temperatures during ripening and cool nights are factors giving balance, and a grape that is richer in tannins while the acidity and fruity aromas are preserved. This is followed by completely manual harvesting which completes the whole year's vineyard work.

HARVEST : du 27 septembre au 20 octobre

## VINEYARD:

The vineyard presents the major keys to the production of great Médoc wines.

- **17.2 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**: 8 500 à 11 000 vines per hectare.
- **Average age** of vines: 40 years old.

## GRAPES VARIETIES:

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

## FINAL BLEND:

- **35% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **55% Merlot**
- **10% de Petit Verdot**

## VINIFICATION:

Entirely manual harvest with a sorting of the grapes in the vineyard and two sorting in the cellar (before and after destemming). Gentle toasting of the ten barrels shaped according to age-old gestures and total respect for the wine. Ageing entirely carried out in new barrels of remarkable oak over 350 years old for 24 months.

## TASTING NOTES :

Aromas of blackcurrant and blackberries mingle with notes of vanilla, liquorice and cocoa. The mouth is smooth, spicy and airy. Nothing dominates because everything is harmony!