



#### ANALYTICAL PROFILE:

- Degrees. : 13°00
- pH : 3.50
- Total Polyphenol: 70

#### 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.

#### THIS YEAR:

After a mild first quarter with normal rainfall and bud burst recorded in the first week of April, much as usual, a historic frost severely hit our vineyard on the morning of 27 April with temperatures of the order of -4 to -6°C. The crop loss at this stage was estimated at 50%.

Hot and dry weather in May encouraged a very early start to flowering (10 days ahead) in the plots not affected by frost. For the others, the delay recorded was of the order of 3 weeks.

The following months were generally hot and dry but without excessive temperatures, further speeding up the growth cycle of the vine, leading to the expectation of one of the earliest harvests of the past 30 years.

The first half of September was very wet, with regular rainfall totalling about 80 mm putting our nerves to the test. The consequences were very variable, from one vineyard to another, from the south to the north of the Médoc.

The soil type, viticultural practices and daily monitoring of ripeness were the key success factors.

**HARVEST:** The Merlots were picked between 18 September (for the earliest-ripening plots) and 26 September, the Petit Verdots on 27 September and the Cabernet Sauvignons between 28 September and 3 October.

#### VINEYARD:

- **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** : 10 000 vines per hectare.
- **Average age** of vines: 40 years old.

#### GRAPE VARIETIES:

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

#### FINAL BLEND:

- **36% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **61% Merlot**
- **3% de Petit Verdot**

#### VINIFICATION :

Classic three week initial fermentation. Aged in oak barrels for 12 to 14 months.

#### NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION :

Tasting on 23/02/2018

Deep ruby colour of good intensity. Aromas of slightly acidic red fruit like red currant, strawberry and fresh plum. Pleasant and juicy on the palate, full bodied with a very supple tannic structure that gives a generous side to this wine.

The second wine of Château Arnauld, it has all the charm with more restrained power.