



ANALYTICAL PROFILE:

- Degrees. : 14°12
- Total acidity : 4.5 g/l
- pH : 3.40
- Total Polyphenol: 82

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.

THE YEAR:

A very wet first half, with the property recording more than 700 mm of rain between January and the end of June. These extremely humid conditions led to fears about fungal diseases and in particular mildew which may, in certain places, have provoked significant crop losses. Fortunately, the flowering proceeded correctly, thanks to a brief respite in the rain, and quite uniformly, above all for the Merlots.

Very luckily, as from the end of June the weather was set fair with constant sunshine and hot temperatures helping to stop mildew contamination.

We didn't suspect that this type of weather would last until mid-September, provoking important water stress in the vineyard, especially for the young vines (3 to 6 years) on deep gravel soils, somewhat reminiscent of the 2003 vintage or even the 1976.

HARVEST : from 27 September to 20 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:

- **35% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **55% Merlot**
- **10% 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 intense crimson colour. Aromas of black fruit, liquorice and violet mixed with subtle notes of vanilla and nutmeg. Immense on the palate, smooth and robust at the same time. A true dimension and magnificent balance with a long, velvety and fruit-filled finish. The first tastings in barrels encourage us to say that we are not far from the best vintages of Château Arnauld.

MEDALS AND AWARDS :

- JAMES SUCKLING : 94
- DECANTER : 93
- WINE ENTHUSIAST : 92
- ROBERT PARKER/NEIL MARTIN : 90-92
- JANCIS ROBINSON : 17
- ANTONIO GALLONI : 91
- JEAN MARC QUARIN : 93
- FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL TROPHY : Grand Gold Medal
- MUNDUS VINI : Gold medal (march 2019)