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Haut-Médoc

2018



THE YEAR IN VIEW

From January to June...

- + 40% rainfall compared to the 30-year average
- The lowest number of sunshine hours on record for Bordeaux
- Budbreak and flowering a week later than normal

The great humidity levels of these first six months resulted in a high incidence of mildew. There were significant crop losses, reaching some 90% in the zone to the south of Pauillac and down to Bordeaux

The summer...

- In marked contrast to the first 6 months of the year, barely 60mm of rain fell in the period between July and September.
- Temperatures were up 2.3°C compared to the 30-year average
- The sum temperature was +10% before the harvest

The 3-month period of drought preceding the harvest resulted in an important reduction in cluster weight and the volume of juice, up to -30% notably on zones of gravel and gravelly sand



THE HARVEST

Merlots : 19 September (early ripening parcels) - 2 October
Petits Verdots : 5 and 6 October
Cabernets Sauvignons : between 3 and 10 October



FINAL BLEND

- 49% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 45% Merlot
- 6% de Petit Verdot



TASTING NOTES

A deep, intense hue with lovely violet gleams. Dominant ripe, fresh black fruit aromas (blackberry, blackcurrant, blueberry) of rare intensity. The texture is beautifully smooth with a perfectly integrated, velvety tannic structure, and the suave, silky finish is remarkably persistent. It possesses the richness and generosity of the 2009 vintage, without its exuberance, and the quality of tannins and minerality of 2010 without its austerity.

A stunning future in perspective!



MEDALS AND AWARDS

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| • DECANTER : 95 | • YVES BECK : 93 | • CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL DE |
| • W. ENTHUSIAST : 92 | • JEAN MARC QUARIN : 92 | LYON : Gold Medal |
| • JAMES SUCKLING : 92 | • JEFF LEVE : 91 | • CONCOURS GÉNÉRAL AGRICOLE DE |
| • VINOUS : 92 | • DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS : | PARIS : Gold Medal |
| • JANCIS ROBINSON : 16,5 | Gold Medal | |
| • CHRIS KISSACK : 94 | | |

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