



## 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 :

A very wet year, except from mid-July to mid-September. Strong, but perfectly controlled, threat of Botrytis. Healthy grapes with good colour and tannins and less acidity than in the 2011 and 2010 vintages.

**HARVEST START DATE :** 8<sup>th</sup> of October

## VINEYARD :

- **5 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.

## FINAL BLEND :

- **64% Cabernet Sauvignon** provides structure, aromas and fruitiness
- **36% Merlot** gives roundness and richness.

This vintage contained the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon since Château Arnauld was relaunched.

## 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:

Deep, ruby-red or crimson colour so intense the wine is almost opaque. Ripe, black-berry fruit bouquet, with hints of cedar and empyreumatic overtones. The overall impression on the palate is very powerful and full-bodied, with remarkable mineral overtones and a long, tight aftertaste, making this 2012 Château Arnauld one of the most successful vintages from this estate.

Decant two hours before serving  
Ready to serve by 2030

## MEDALS AND AWARDS :

**WINE ENTHUSIAST** 92  
(May 1<sup>st</sup>, 015)

**JAMES SUCKLING** 91  
(February 23<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

**JEAN-MARC QUARIN** 90

**ROBERT PARKER**  
A Sleepers of the vintage  
Is a big-time winner in the values  
sweepstakes.  
(april 2015)



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## NOTES

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