



ANALYTICAL PROFILE:

- Degrees. : 13°250
- pH : 3.60
- Total Polyphenol: 65

PRESENTATION :

The Estate traces back its origins to 1719, but it's really in 1838 that Henry Delaroze, then mayor of Saint-Laurent, establishes a vineyard on one of the most ancient gravel beds of the Medoc. In 1884 Count Ernest de Lahens presides over the destiny of an Estate encompassing 300 hectares and oversees the construction of Château de Trintaudon and its tower; almost a lighthouse, overlooking an ocean of vineyards. During its long history the Estate was acquired by a Spanish nobleman: Duc Del Infantado, subsequently by the Forner Family, then owner of Château Camensac and Marques de Caceres. In 1986, Assurances Générales de France (Allianz) purchased the Estate, one of the largest of the Medoc by its surface area and total production; a well renowned property recognized the world over as a top quality Cru Bourgeois.

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 :

- 155.5 hectares of vineyards.
- **Soil** : Fine gravel, sandy gravel and clayish limestone soil.
- **Planting density** : 6,600 vines per hectare.
- **Average age of vines** : 28 years old.

GRAPE VARIETALS :

- 47% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 47% Merlot
- 6% Petit Verdot

FINAL BLEND:

- 41% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 47% Merlot
- 12% de Petit Verdot

VINIFICATION :

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

TASTING NOTES:

Tasting April 2017

Dark ruby colour with very good depth. The ripe red fruit aromas dominate, while preserving a real aromatic freshness and great purity. The palate is soft and melting with an already well-integrated tannic structure. Well-controlled power and a model of balance for this full and indulgent vintage.

MEDALS AND AWARDS

JAMES SUCKLING :

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WINE ENTHUSIAST :

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