

CHATEAU ARNAULD

CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNEL

Haut-Médoc

2021



THE YEAR IN VIEW

A very capricious year, putting the nerves of the winegrowers to the test until the grapes were in the vats, followed by particularly complex and precise vinifications. A spring frost in April and early May following a relatively early budburst particularly affected the plots farthest from the river, not benefiting from this specific microclimate where temperatures can be 3 to 4°C higher than those recorded further west of the river. This was followed by a climate that was very oceanic until mid-August with temperature sums below the average of the last 3 years (.....). The very hard work of the teams on the green work (disbudding, lifting, leaf removal) and on the protection of the vineyard based on organic products allowed us to reach veraison without too much damage from mildew, and then, as if by magic, the rain stopped, the temperatures recovered without experiencing the excesses of the 2018, 2019 and 2020 vintages. A significant thermal amplitude during the ripening phase allowed us to wait wisely for a full phenolic ripening of the grapes, especially those of Cabernet Sauvignon which are the soul of our great wines of the Médoc. The Merlots could be picked up very healthy at the end of September and beginning of October, the Cabernet Sauvignon during the first two weeks of October and the Petit Verdot as well as the Cabernet Franc at the end of September and beginning of October.

FINAL BLEND

- 47% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 45% Merlot
- 8% de Petit Verdot



HARVEST

Merlot : September 27 to October 1st
Cabernet Sauvignon : October 2 to October 6
Petit Verdot : October 1st to October 2



TASTING NOTES

Very dark ruby color with purple reflections. Nose of fresh black fruits. The mouth is bright and full of energy with a nice tension in the finish. The whole presents an undeniable class with a racy side which brings him this additional nobility.



AWARDS

- Forbes Tom Mullen : 93/100
- James Suckling : 92-93/100
- Markus Del Monego : 91+/100
- Jean Marc Quarin : 91/100
- Decanter : 91/100
- Alexandre MA : 90-91/100
- Terre de vin : 91/100
- Jane Anson : 90/100



ANALYTICAL PROFILE

- 12°70 degrees
- 67 Total Polyphenol
- 3.41 pH

Château Arnauld is among the vineyards managed by the
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