

## **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 Infentado, subsequently by the Forner Family, then owner of Château Camensac and Marques de Caceres. In 1986, 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.

## **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 : 8th of October

## **VINEYARD**:

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

## **FINAL BLEND :**

- 61% Cabernet Sauvignon bringing structure, fragrance and fruit.
- 39% Merlot bringing roundness and body.

# **VINIFICATION:**

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

#### **TASTING NOTES :**

Very dense, dark ruby colour with nice garnet reflections. Slightly smoky nose, with intense notes of very ripe blackcurrant accompanied by nice roasted notes. The palate is complex, full and generous with fat and very high quality tannins of great elegance and finesse.

To be decanted 1 hour before tasting Enjoy from now until 2025/2027

#### MEDALS AND AWARDS

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 91/100 Editors' Choice 2015 JAMES SUCKLING : 90/100 (February 23th, 2015) JANCIS ROBINSON : 16/20

A Sleepers of the vintage Is a attractive, cleanly made, with a

touch of wood, nice blackcurrant fruit, a plump, round, generous mouthfeel and a supple finish. (april 2015)





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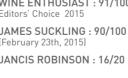


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