



## 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, 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.

## THAT VINTAGE:

After a rather mild winter without too much rain and a cool start to spring, bud burst started at the beginning of April and was drawn out because of the cool temperatures and a lack of water. This was followed by a very long period of drought from the beginning of May until the middle of véraison, leading to fears for the yield because at the start of véraison the berries were very much smaller than normal (at least 20 to 30%). As from mid véraison, very wet weather followed up until harvest, with cumulative rainfall from July to the end of October of 263.5 mm, an abnormally high quantity not seen in recent years. The berries became larger as from the end of véraison, returning to their normal size.

**HARVEST START DATE :** septembre 22<sup>th</sup>

## VINEYARD:

- 154 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.

## GRAPE VARIETALS:

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

## FINAL BLEND:

- 45% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 48% Merlot
- 7% de Petit Verdot

## VINIFICATION:

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

## TASTING NOTES:

Nice ruby colour, sparkling clarity. Nose of fresh strawberry accompanied by subtle notes of oak and vanilla. On the palate, it is the indulgent and attractive side to the wine that dominates. Very good roundness with a very supple tannic structure. Plenty of charm and elegance with a soft and smooth finish.

To be decanted 1 hour before tasting  
Enjoy from now until 2022/2024

## MEDALS AND AWARDS

- **JANCIS ROBINSON :** 16/20 Dark crimson. Fresh, racy nose and masses of bright fruit. Racy stony fruit on the palate. You would be disappointed by this perhaps if it came from a tiny estate but it's pretty good quality from such a large one. Reasonable balance and length
- **JAMES SUCKLING :** 90/100 A full and rich red with lots of ripe fruit and soft tannins. Currant and blackberry character. (mars 2016)
- **Wine Enthusiast Magazine :** 92/100
- **Decanter World Wine Awards :** Médaille d'Argent