

**Vineyard:** 13ha20 - 40 years old  
Deep gravels  
Mechanical work of the soil, reasoning of the fungicidal fight, premature thinning-outs of leaves.

**Harvest:** Hand harvested, in 30 kg picking box.  
Double sorting of the grape harvest

**Aging:** 18 months aging in barrels, among which 40 % new wood, French oak exclusively. No filtration.

**Assemblage:**

	<i>Blend</i>	<i>Natural degree</i>	<i>Average yield</i>	<i>Harvest</i>
<i>Merlot</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>13,39</i>	<i>38 hl/ha</i>	<i>01-oct</i>
<i>Cabernet Franc</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>12,8</i>	<i>40 hl/ha</i>	<i>06-oct</i>
<i>Petit Verdot</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>12,9</i>	<i>32 hl/ha</i>	<i>06-oct</i>
<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>12,7</i>	<i>45 hl/ha</i>	<i>10-oct</i>

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## The Vintage of PATIENCE

*Climatic conditions in 2008, as in 2007, reminded us that "PATIENCE" was essential in obtaining a great wine.*

*The late soft and sunny autumn let a cold and wet spring appear which delayed the bud break.*

*The month of May was hard on the vines and men. The observation in the vineyard, the experience of 2007 and the implementation of treatments allowed us to control the pressure of diseases.*

*On May 28<sup>th</sup>, by the end of the day, a ten minutes hailstorm partly affected the vineyard. A slow vegetative growth was observed during several days. We easily loose the notion of "PATIENCE" when facing Mother Nature.*

*Flowering in early June has hinted a late vintage.*

*Every effort put into work in the vineyard (leaf pulling...) have contributed to ventilate the area and maintain clusters and foliage in perfect conditions.*

*The sun of July enabled the vines to develop well and men to rest a bit. Grapes turned purple during the month of August, it showed that 2008 would be late.*

*Patience, Patience... But being afraid that maturity would be a very long process, sun, wind and cool nights came to offer us a perfect maturation period for the grapes.*

*The late harvest enabled us to achieve serenely a great Margaux.*