



THE VINEYARD

Surface of production for red:	40 ha (total surface: 50 ha)
Nature of the soil:	Gūnz gravel from the Quaternary period, on the plateau above the village of Martillac
Grape varieties:	55% Cabernet Sauvignon ; 40% Merlot ; 5% Petit Verdot
Pruning:	Double Guyot system for Cabernet Sauvignon, Cordon system for Merlot and Petit Verdot
Density of planting:	7200 feet/ha
Average age of the vineyard:	25 years
Vineyard management:	Traditional methods with mechanical ploughing. Sustainable Vine Protection. Green harvesting by hand: desuckering, excess bud removal, leaf thinning, removal of secondary shoots.

PRESENTATION OF THE VINTAGE

The dawn of the 7th of April was too pure and will stay forever in the memory of the Bordeaux wine growers : a bitterly unexpected frost became very lethal. The principal victims were the early grape varieties : Sauvignons and Merlots delaying the start of their growth and their flowering. The veraison was slow but equal on all the grape varieties, during a fresh but dry summer.

The first soaked September days, worried us a lot. The miracle, or the divine surprise, took place during the second week, with the arrival of a nicely frsh but constant weather to go along with the harvests.

Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking

From the 24th of September to the 9th of October

Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats

Ageing: 18 months in French oak barrel

(new barrels: 40%)

Alcohol: 13%



TASTING

Blending:	55% Cabernet Sauvignon - 40% Merlot – 5% Petit Verdot
Bottling:	At the Château, in May 2010 - 11 800 cases
Distribution:	Place de Bordeaux

« The appearance is deep ruby. The nose is expressive and complex, revealing black and red fruits such as blackcurrant and cherry. There are hints of smoke, spices, truffles and liquorice. In the mouth there is a rich and well-balanced structure of velvety tannins and harmonious flavours. Again one finds the notes from the nose of blackcurrant, spices and some liquorice, together with the minerality associated with the Graves. The finish is fresh. This 2008 vintage is a decidedly well-balanced and silky wine with good ageing potential. »