



# CHATEAU BROWN

### RED

## **SURFACE AREA OF VINES:** 23,5 hectares (estate total: 29ha)

#### **BLEND:**

55% Cabernet-Sauvignon 40% Merlot 5% Petit Verdot

#### HARVESTING:

- 100% manual in small boxes, with bunch selection on the vine
- Double sorting in the winery (bunches and grapes), using vibrating sorting tables

#### VINIFICATION:

- 100-hectolitre thermo-regulated stainless steel vats
- No grapes treading
- Cold maceration (8°C) for 3-5 days before fermentation
- Alcoholic fermentation at 25°C, then 28°C to finish
- Small volumes pumped over three times daily
- Warm maceration after fermentation (30°C), until ready for transfer to the barrels
- The contents of each vat are transferred to barrels after tasting. Pressing using a JLB vertical press.
- Malolactic fermentation: one third in brand new French oak barrels, the rest in stainless steel vats

#### **MATURING:**

• 100% in French oak barrels: 1/3 new, 1/3 used once, 1/3 used twice. Matured for 12 - 15 months

#### SOIL:

- Gravelly and clay-limestone soil
- Plot-by-plot management with integrated drainage system

#### AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES:

• 20 years

#### AVERAGE YIELD FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WINE: (ten-year average)

• 43 hectolitres/hectare / 80,000 bottles

#### **SECOND WINES:**

- La Pommeraie de Brown
- Le Colombier de Brown

#### **PROPRIETORS:** Familles Mau et Dirkzwager

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2013

### Blend:

52% Cabernet Sauvignon 46% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot

Degree: 13°

Yield:

GRAND VIN DE GRAVES

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PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

35 hl/ha 76% 1<sup>st</sup> wine

Harvest: Merlot: 02/10/2013 - 07/10/2013 Cabernet Sauvignon: 08/10/2013 - 16/10/2013 Petit Verdot: 15/10/2013

The 2013 vintage of Brown red has a high level of acidity and juiciness. The wine has not been aged for too long in barrels, instead favouring an aromatic expression of delicate fruits. Brown red 2013 is a fresh, fruit-driven and balanced wine.

**Barrel aging:** 10 months

**Bottling date at the property:** 9th April 2015 65 000 bottles

#### **TASTING COMMENTS:**

The bouquet is intense, with fine spiced notes mixing with fresh fruit, blueberry and Morello cherry. Roasted notes complement the aromas on the second nose. The attack is clear and delicate, promising an exquisite wine with supple tannins of a true classicism. A delectable mid-palate.

#### **EN PRIMEUR TASTING SCORES:**

Wine Spectator: 86-89 - Pretty floral, plum and raspberry notes mingle here, with a light singed spice spine on the finish. Shows good freshness and cut. Jancis Robinson: 16.5 • René Gabriel: 16 RVF: 14-14,5 • JM Quarin: 14,75-15

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