



## **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: 40% new, 40% used once, 20% used twice. Matured for 12 - 15 months

## **CONSULTANT:**

• Stephane Derenoncourt

#### 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

MANAGER: Jean-Christophe Mau



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2008

#### Blend:

30% Merlot 67% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Petit Verdot

Alcohol content: 13.5°

#### Yield:

39 hectolitres/ha 78% 1st wine

#### **Harvest:**

Merlot: 7th-21st October

Cabernet Sauvignon: 22th - 30th October

Petit Verdot: 17th October

Difficult weather conditions throughout the season, with frosts in the spring. Compensated by excellent weather in the final months, allowing us to harvest the grapes relatively late. A classic Brown vintage, with a strong majority of Cabernet Sauvignon and rich flavours typical of our gravel terroir.

## Bottled at the Château:

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 71,200 bottles

## **EN PRIMEUR TASTING SCORES:**

Wine Spectator: 91 - Jancis Robinson: 16

## **RÉCOMPENSES:**

• Decanter: \*\*\* recommanded

• International Wine Challenge 2011 : Silver Medal

