



## **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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2009

### Blend:

56% Merlot 40% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Petit Verdot

Alcohol content: 14.5°

### Yield:

48 hectolitres/ha 65% 1st wine

### **Harvest:**

Merlot: 1st-10th October

Cabernet Sauvignon: 12th - 20th October

Petit Verdot: 18th October

A warm, consistent season with plenty of sun. Fantastic, balmy conditions during the harvest, giving us grapes at peak maturity which have produced a wine with a high alcohol content. The 2009 is simply delicious, with a remarkable aromatic power.

### Bottled at the Château:

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 83,500 bottles

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

Wine Spectator: 89-92 - Jancis Robinson: 16 - Decanter: 16 - René Gabriel: 17

### **AWARDS:**

• Wine Spectator / Wine Enthusiast (February 2012): 92/100

• Decanter Asian Awards 2012 : Silver Medal

• Vinalies nationales 2012 : Medal of Excellence

