



## 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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#### Blend:

37% Merlot60% Cabernet Sauvignon3% Petit Verdot

#### Alcohol content: 14°

Yield:

47 hectolitres/ha 73% 1<sup>st</sup> wine

**Harvest:** Merlot: 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October Cabernet Sauvignon: 8<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October Petit Verdot: 18<sup>th</sup> October

A very dry season, with considerable hydric stress on the vines in the springtime and high temperatures in September, which helped the grapes catch up in terms of phenolic maturity. A great balance between freshness and power: a 'classic' Bordeaux vintage, elegant and refined.

#### Bottled at the Château:

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 89,000 bottles

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

Wine Spectator : 91-94 - Neil Martin : 89-91 Jancis Robinson : 15 - Decanter : 15.5 - René Gabriel : 17



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