



CHATEAU
BROWN
PESSAC-LÉOGNAN



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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 1ST 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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2011

**Blend:**

50% Merlot
45% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot

Degree: 13°**Yield:**

38 hl/ha
70% 1st wine

Harvest:

Merlot: 16/09/2011 - 22/09/2011
Cabernet Sauvignon: 26/09/2011 - 03/10/2011
Petit Verdot: 23/09/2011

With a lower than average yield, Brown's 2011 red vintage stands out for its intense and very mature Cabernet Sauvignon expression, due to near-Summer harvesting conditions providing natural concentration and beautiful maturity for this grape. Intense colour and the alcohol level of a classic Bordeaux wine are the key features of the 2011 vintage.

Bottling dates at the property:

16/05/2013 + 17/05/2013
62 000 bottles

TASTING COMMENTS :

A slightly closed yet complex bouquet, revealing notes of black fruit and hints of graphite, as well as floral notes (iris), topped off with a touch of garrigue. On the palate the attack is fresh and offers genuine tannic substance and great balance. The taut tannins hint at very good ageing potential.

AWARDS :

Silver Medal at the International Challenge in May 2014
Gold Medal at Decanter World Wine Awards in May 2014

NOTES :

James Suckling : 90 (January 2014) • Wine Enthusiast : 92 (February 2014)
Wine Spectator : 90 (March 2014) • Robert Parker : 89/100 (May 2014)

EN PRIMEUR TASTING SCORES:

Wine Spectator : 90-93 • Jancis Robinson : 15.5 • René Gabriel : 17
RVF : 15-16 • Neil Martin : 88-90

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