



LE COLOMBIER DE
BROWN



THE STORY OF OUR SECOND WINE « LE COLOMBIER »

“Le Colombier de Brown” refers to a beautiful stone dovecote set in the grounds facing the house – a sign of wealth back in feudal times. This “Colombier” (“dovecote” in english) was built in the eighteenth and its presence is the witness of the age and quality of the Château Brown vineyard. We have given this name to our second wine in memory of this prestigious past.

THE LITTLE BROTHER OF CHATEAU BROWN

The second wine is the reflection of Brown terroir and enjoys the same lavish care as the Grand Vin. The plots of vines are selected to make a fruitier, lighter, easy-drinking wine made to be enjoyed younger. Elegant and well structured, it can be enjoyed right away.

COLOMBIER DE BROWN – RED 2016

PESSAC-LEOGNAN AOC



Harvesting:

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

Vinification :

- 100-hectolitre thermo-regulated stainless steel vats
- 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 vertical press.
- Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel vats

Maturing :

- 50% in French oak barrels (used once previously)
- Matured for 12 months

Soil :

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

Average age of the vines: 20 years

Blend :

- 60% Merlot
- 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

Degrees :

- 14°

Harvest period:

- 4th to 22nd of October 2016

Bottling date:

- 9th of April 2018

Production of the 2nd wine:

- 37 000 bottles

« A lovely bright intense colour. The fruity aromas appear as soon as a glass is poured. The first nose is flattering, Swirling reveals an aromatic explosion of berries with dominant wild strawberry aromas. A soft, silky attack, full-bodied with a broad range of aromas as complex as the bouquet. The tannins are cheerful and generous. A fairly long finish, rich in alcohol. Le Colombier de Brown Red 2016 is a generous, modern wine, an excellent example of this rich vintage. » - **Jean-Christophe Mau, managing director of Château Brown**