



# **CHATEAU BROWN**

## RED

## **SURFACE AREA OF RED VINES:**

26 hectares (estate total: 31ha)

## PLANTED RED GRAPE VARIETIES:

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot

## **HARVESTING:**

- 100% manual in small boxes, with bunch selection on the vine
- Rigorous sorting in the winery using optical sorting

#### **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: in stainless steel vats

#### **MATURING:**

100% in French oak barrels: 40% new. Matured for 12 - 15 months

## **SOIL:**

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

## VINEYARD MANAGEMENT:

Eco-responsible viticulture certified HEV 3 (High Environmental Value)

## **AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES:**

15 years

## **AVERAGE YIELD FOR RED WINE:** (ten-year average)

38 hectolitres/hectare

#### **SECOND WINES:**

- La Pommeraie de Brown
- Le Colombier de Brown

**PROPRIETORS:** Families Mau et Dirkzwager

MANAGER: Jean-Christophe Mau



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#### Blend:

52% Merlot 45% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Petit Verdot

Alcohol Degree: 14.5°

## Yield:

18 hl/ha

#### Harvest dates:

Merlot: from 17th to 27th September 2018

Cabernet Sauvignon: from 27th September to 8th October 2018

Petit Verdot: on 5th October 2018

## Bottling date at the property:

27th, 28th and 29th May 2020

## **TASTING COMMENTS:**

«Deep, dark colour. Initially very expressive on the nose with very ripe red fruit scents. Soft and full in the attack. Broad and powerful in mid-palate. Offering the full power of a sunny vintage. Good ageing potential. A lingering finish with silky tannins. Length of more than six caudalies on the palate.»

Jean-Christophe Mau, june 2020

## **AWARDS:**

James Suckling: 94 • Wine Spectator: 93 (Smart buys, March 2021)
Jane Anson-Inside Bordeaux: 93 • The Wine Doctor-Chris Kissack: 93
Le Guide Vert 2022: 92 • Vinous: 90 • Guide Hachette des vins 2022:1 star

## **EN PRIMEUR TASTING SCORES:**

Wine Enthusiast: 91-93 • Wine Spectator: 92-95 • James Suckling: 90-91 Vinous: 88-90 • The Wine Doctor: 93-95 • Decanter: 92

Terre de vins: 91-92 • RVF: 15,5-16

