



# 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: 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 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

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# 2012

50% Cabernet Sauvignon 46% Merlot 4% Petit Verdot

**Degree:** 13.5°

#### Yield:

Blend:

45 hl/ha 68% 1<sup>st</sup> wine

#### Harvest:

Merlot: 09/10/2012 - 22/10/2012 Cabernet Sauvignon: 10/10/2012 - 22/10/2012 Petit Verdot: 10/10/2012

The 2012 Brown red vintage has a higher acidity than usual, a very fruity nose, a mouth with moderate amplitude, and a silky tannic structure. This vintage has a deep colour, and a beautiful acidity, with a medium alcohol level in the Bordeaux's wine style.

#### Bottling date at the property:

28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 77 000 bottles

#### **TASTING COMMENTS:**

Fresh and delicate in the nose. The bouquet develops scents of black fruit such as burlat cherry along with pleasing smoky notes thanks to a carefully controlled maturing process. On the palate the attack is big and smooth. This is a massive, long-lasting wine with fine, supple tannins. It will reach its peak in a few years' time.

#### AWARDS :

Wine Spectator 91 (feb 2015) Silver Medal at the International Wine Challenge 2015 Silver Medal at the International Vinalies 2015

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

Wine Spectator: 86-89 • Jancis Robinson: 16.5 • René Gabriel: 17 RVF: 15-16 • JM Quarin: 15

