

Alcohol abuse is dangerous for health. To consume with moderation.

Assemblage / Blent

Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon
26-sept	3-Oct
47 hl/ha	45 hl/ha
12.8 % TAV	12.8 % TAV
52.4 %	47.6 %

Notes :



MONBRISON



GRAND VIN
DU

Haut-Médoc

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The Haut Médoc vineyards is located on 3 sites : Moulis, Lustrac and Arcins.

We have enjoyed the luxury of extraordinary weather conditions for the harvest. It has allowed us to be patient in order to reap grapes in perfect health.

More precisely, a much-desired miraculous rain (35 mm on September 13th) leaves the vine out of a state of worrying water stress and increases the volume of the berries without bursting.

Then, an Indian summer allowed us to wait for a long time that the grapes ripen through the the alternation of sunny days and cool nights. (Harvest Merlots from September 26 and Cabernets Sauvignons from October 03)

The bud burst was early (mid-March) after a very wet start to the year and a cold winter.

Cool temperatures have a vegetative development, but they are supported by a large water supply.

Flowering starts late May (May 31), it is fast and homogeneous which is a chance because the week of June 12 is incredibly rainy.

The vine is so beautiful because there is water available on the ground, sun during the day and nights relatively cool.

The veraison begins on August 3 and August 4, a rain of 10 mm is profitable for the vine.

Unfortunately, we will no longer have rain and the water stress will gradually appear until becoming worrying at the beginning of September..

The waiting time is still long to reach the phenolic maturity but, patiently, we get it after many tastings of berries in the sun-soaked vineyard ... which were excellent moments, because we perceived day after day that we were going towards a new great vintage.

We wait until September 26 to harvest magnificent Merlots then, we must interrupt the harvesters to get the quintessence of our Cabernets Sauvignons ... We pick them from October 03 ... under a bright sun.

The first pumpings enchant us ... colors, smells, balances are at the rendezvous ...

This is the reward for everyone who works in the vineyard all year long and who are happy to see that it will be a great vintage.

Harvest

Mechanical harvest with vineyards selection

Wine

Monbrison Haut-Médoc

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