





## The Climate

1995 was a precocious year. The winter was mild and the spring hot and dry. The bud burst and the flowering were precocious and homogeneous. June, July and August were characterized by hot temperatures and no rain. Some of the vines with superficial roots as for young vines suffered from dryness. The harvest was perfectly ripe and sounds although September was cooler than usual and rainy in the middle of the month.

## Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From September 11th to 26th Blend Merlot Noir: 50%; Cabernet Sauvignon: 49%; Cabernet Franc: 1%

New barrels 77%
Alcohol 13%

Pottling data From June 1

Bottling date From June 12th to 20th of 1997

## Tasting note

The color is strong though not excessively. The powerful nose begins with notes of wood, toasted bread and a perceptible sweetness. In the mouth the equilibrium of this wine is surprising with much mellowness, softness and harmony. The fruit is both supple and tender as it dominates the solid, ripe tannin. It is a classic of this year with perhaps an unusual softness.