



CHATEAU
LESPAULT-MARTILLAC

2022

A not very rainy winter (200 mm), rather cool with some frosts contributing to delaying bud break and protecting the vines from the frost of April 4th to 5th.

Early flowering by 10 days (May 15-20), suggesting an early harvest.

June was well watered, by thunders-torms.

Several heatwaves followed thereafter:

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However, the water reserves in the sub-soil, and the work done in the vineyard upstream, will allow our vines to adapt very well to these conditions. In August, the foliage is green, and the sanitary condition is more than perfect.

Everything is superlative in this vintage 2022: the climate, the drought, the juice yield, the quantity of berries per tank, the color, the gustatory intensity... However, the terroir, the old vines, and our precise choices have given a magnificent freshness and superb balance.

Olivier Bernard



ORGANIC CONVERSION

white : label in 2023

Red : label in 2024



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PRIMEUR ROUGE 2022

VENDANGES :

BLANC : du 23 août au 1er septembre

ROUGE : du 13 au 27 septembre

**65 % MERLOT ; 30 % CABERNET- SAUVIGNON
5% PETIT VERDOT**

ALC : 14 % VOL

A.O.C. PESSAC-LEOGNAN

SOILS : Deep gravel with a clay-gravel subsoil

BLANC : 1,5 hectare [80% sauvignon, 20% Sémillon]

ROUGE : 8 hectares [60% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot]

AVERAGE AGE : 40 Years

DENSITY : 6600 vines/ha

HARVEST – RED WINE VINIFICATION

The grapes are sorted in the vineyard by handpickers, subsequently sorted twice more (before and after destemming), and then put into 50-80 hectolitre temperature-controlled concrete vats by gravity flow. Remontages et pigeages manuels. Extraction modérée.

Pumping over and manual *pigeage* (punching down the cap). Moderate extraction.

Fermentation in barrel.

Ageing in barrel for 14 months, and on the lees for the first four months. 1/3 new oak

TASTING

Deep red-black color.

Intense and fresh nose of black cherry, blueberry, prune, and spices.

Full-bodied, powerful, round, smooth, fresh, and so silky on the palate. This concentrated wine is so enjoyable to taste!

The tannic structure is dense, supple, and energetic. Everything is in balance. This wine is extremely charming and makes you want to enjoy it from a young age, but its great body will carry it for years.

Great wine.



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