



## Graves red - Vintage 2022

<b><u>Size of the estate :</u></b>	30,2 ha out of which 15.8 ha in production for red grapes
<b><u>Grapes :</u></b>	8,9 ha Merlot 6,9 ha Cabernet Sauvignon
<b><u>Half flowering dates:</u></b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022 for the Merlot, 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 for the Cabernet Sauvignon.
<b><u>Green works:</u></b>	A manual leaf thinning-out sunrise side has been completed on all parcels of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon starting from end of June. A second manual leaf thinning -out on all plots of Cabernet has been realized end of august. A light qualitative green harvest depending on the plots was done just before the turning stage on the plots of Merlot.
<b><u>Harvesting dates :</u></b>	Merlot : from 16 <sup>th</sup> of September to 22 <sup>nd</sup> of September 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon: from 27 <sup>th</sup> September to 28 <sup>th</sup> of September
<b><u>Yield :</u></b>	48 hl /ha for Merlot, 40 hl/ha for Cabernet Sauvignon
<b><u>Cuvaision :</u></b>	25days for the Merlot lots. 29 days for the Cabernet Sauvignon lots.
<b><u>Blend :</u></b>	58% Merlot and 42 % Cabernet Sauvignon
<b><u>Ageing :</u></b>	35 % in new oak barrels 10 % in one year old oak barrels. 50 % in two years old oak barrels

### **Climatology in 2022**

Winter 2021-2022 will have been moderately watered but with very cold temperatures . This cold weather will not last and from february on we have had a come back to too mild temperatures for the season. After a contrasting month of april , the months of may and june look like nearly to summer months. The month of june will by the way see the first of the three heat waves which will occur one after the other this summer 2022 .: mid-june, mid – july and beginning of August. We had only one rain in July , 30 mm , which fell in a saving mode at beginning of the turning of color of grapes .The months of august and september will have been without any precipitation . Harvest begins early . The grape berries are small and concentrated , but remain balanced . Foliage is in perfect state and we'll have not experienced any blockage of ripening even on the young plots .19 years after the vintage 2003 that was the first great "solar" vintage in Bordeaux , it is clear that things have changed . This vintage 2022 , either for our whites or for our red or our sweet wines , and despite conditions much more severe than in 2003 , retains a much more balanced character. Our working methods have evolved and our vines , vintage after vintage , have adapted to those new conditions .  
The vintage 2022 is characterized by a very nice aromatic , coated tannins and a balanced sugar content .