

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

CHÂTEAU

BRANE - CANTENAC

MARGAUX

2021

HENRI LURTON

A YEAR OF CHALLENGES

WEATHER

A vintage of strong contrasts, 2021 demanded an energetic response to a series of weather challenges: frost, spring rains, an often overcast summer followed by a very dry period at the end of the season. To preserve the health of the grapes and bring the harvest to maturity, we adapted our work to each plot.

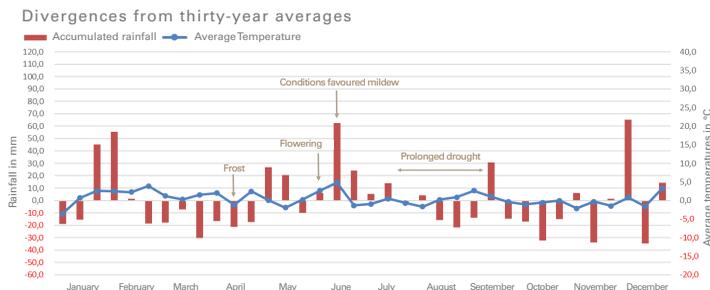
IN THE VINEYARD

The harvests began on 23 September on Terrace IV. On this exceptional terroir, the Cabernet Sauvignon reacted very well to the weather conditions, giving richly-coloured, fruity wines with elegant, precise tannins and a remarkable balance of sweetness and acidity.

IN THE WINERY

In the winery, gentle extractions yielded excellent structure. The Brane-Cantenac blend, exclusively from Terrace IV, has a historic proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine has been aged in 100% new oak barrels.

CLIMOGRAPH
IN 10-DAYS INTERVALS



HARVEST DATES

Merlot 23/09 to 2/10
 Cabernet Franc 28/09 and 6/10
 Cabernet Sauvignon 30/09 to 7/10
 Petit Verdot 6 and 7/10
 Carmenère 6 and 7/10
 Yield 41,2hl/ha



BLENDING TABLE

	BRANE-CANTENAC	BARON DE BRANE	MARGAUX DE BRANE
Merlot	22	50	35
Cab. Franc	2	3	0
Cab. Sauvignon	74	46	65
Petit Verdot	1	1	0
Carmenère	1	0	0
% Press	11,3	9,8	7,2
% Vol	12,7	12,9	12,7
TA	3,8	3,8	3,7
pH	3,66	3,63	3,63

THE POWER OF A GREAT TERROIR

A FINE, COMPLEX, HEDONISTIC VINTAGE

In a somewhat heterogeneous year in Bordeaux, we have the great satisfaction of delivering an aromatic, complex, hedonistic vintage with a beautiful tannic structure.

THE POWER OF TERRACE IV

This is the result of the work of the entire technical team, which was able to observe and support a vineyard that reacted superbly to extremely varied weather events. In 2021 in particular, it was vital to have this winegrower's expertise and an intimate knowledge of the terroir to be able to listen to our intuitions, anticipate and make the right choices for each plot. And while our three Margaux wines retain the Brane-Cantenac signature, they each have their own profile.

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH THE VINEYARD

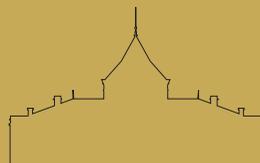
The Terrace IV terroir is exceptional in its ability to regulate climatic excesses thanks to its buffer effect. Spared by the frost, we obtained a yield of 41.2 hectolitres per hectare. Its clayey gravel admirably regulated the year's erratic rainfall and the severe drought during the summer. Another major element is the terrace's early growth cycle, which is an essential characteristic of this location, and which enabled us to start harvesting perfectly ripe grapes from the old Merlot vines on 23 September.

CONFIRMATION OF BRANE-CANTENAC'S MAJOR CHOICES

Finally, this harvest brings us satisfaction beyond the vintage itself. It confirms the structuring choices that have been made in recent years: our now perfected strategy of reducing and targeting treatments; the grafting of Cabernet Sauvignon onto Terrace IV's old Merlot vines, which offered excellent aromatic intensity and concentration this year; the use of gentle but optimized extraction techniques in the winery which have favoured the expression of the tannins' very distinguished character.



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