

## **TECHNICAL NOTES FOR THE 2006 VINTAGE**

2006 was characterised by record-breaking sunny weather in the beginning of September, which brought the ripeness of the fruit to perfection, and enabled an exceptional harvest. The Merlot was of incredible intensity, surpassing the already unreal 2005. Cabernets Franc and Sauvignon were subtle and intensely aromatic. Thanks to the small scale of our vineyard, and to its location, we harvested early, an important advantage as it allowed us to finish harvesting just before the rains which began on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The grapes, especially clean and ripe, attained new records of phenolic ripeness. For properties like ours with large proportions of Merlot and early harvest, 2006 was a great success. It gave us a wine of great elegance, but also with a tannic structure which will provide long aging. This wine also presents a complex range of aromas (black cherry, raspberry, spices, cedar...) so seductive that it will easily rival our 2005.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Nose of intense fruit purity. Subtle mix of raspberry and smoke. Attractive, suave attack. The wine caresses the palate, opening onto fine and aromatic tannins and good body. Good length, a hint of oak. Finishes aromatic. A delicious and generous wine.

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Intense, brilliant colour. “Velvet on the palate, plenty of density, gourmet... an attractively modern wine” comments one taster.

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### **BLEND**

55 % merlot  
30 % cabernet franc  
15 % cabernet sauvignon

### **RIPENESS**

The Merlots attained over 14% alcohol, the Cabernet Franc 13.2% and the Cabernet Sauvignon 12.2%. The analysis of phenolic ripeness showed even better results than in 2005.

### **HARVEST DATES**

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| September 6,7,8,11, 2006 | Merlot             |
| September 15, 2006       | Cabernet franc     |
| September 20, 2006       | Cabernet sauvignon |