

# CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

## 2013

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### THE WEATHER:

2013 remained a very difficult year throughout the growing cycle, with a very cool and rainy spring. There was abundant rainfall during the first 6 months, even if March and April showed a slight deficit. July was hot and dry, with maximum temperatures over 30°C for 22 days!

September was characterised by normal but continuous rainfall, with quite high temperatures and nights at between 18 and 20°C. The humidity, associated with these high temperatures, favoured the arrival of botrytis. Vigilance and rapid intervention were the indispensable factors in the proper management of the 2013 harvest! !

#### RAINFALL:

Average rainfall in Mérygnac: 984 mm

Rainfall in mm	jan	feb	mar	april	may	june	july	aug	sept	oct	nov	dec	Total
30-year average	92	83	70	80	84	64	55	60	90	94	107	107	984
2013	167	88	60	67	108	114	41	39	65	82	119	60	1010
Difference in mm	75	5	-10	-13	24	50	-14	-21	-25	-12	12	-47	26
ANNUAL EXCESS RAINFALL												2013	3%

#### STATE OF THE VINEYARD:

The heavy spring rains put exceptional pressure on mildew and this was a factor to be taken very seriously, as was botrytis. With our teams, we performed major leaf removal by hand on the latest-ripening CS so that they could increase in ripeness and be less exposed to the pressures of disease. However, despite our efforts, on our early-ripening soils, the rains quickly affected the state of health and rapidly the berries became apt to burst.

#### HARVEST:

We started the harvest on Monday 30 September and finished in the week after 7 October. Area in production: 94 ha. The botrytis was on the starting blocks and we had to respond quickly in order to bring in a harvest without too much damage. The characteristics of this vintage are fruity notes without any great structure. A little reminder of the 2008?

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### BLEND

	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Petit verdot
Château Beaumont	55 %	43 %	2 %
Château D'Arvigny			

### PRODUCTION

Yield: 31 hl/ha

Château Beaumont: 25 000 cases

Château D'Arvigny: 0 cases

### CHARACTERISTICS - 2013 vintage

	Alcohol %	pH	AT
Merlot	13°2	3.6	2.7
Cabernet Sauvignon	12°5	3.5	3.7

The alcohol degree of the blend is slightly higher than 13%.

### BEAUMONT 2013 :

Fruity Merlots with a pleasant structure and silky tannins.

The Cabernet Sauvignons are quite lively, but their ripeness was sufficient to avoid green notes.

The Petit Verdots were harvested in good health, and therefore completely ripe. They are fruity but a bit too simple to be included in Beaumont at the time of blending.

**A wine fashioned on fruit, which will charm the taster in its youth and for 6 to 8 years.**