

**RATING:**

86/100 : Gilbert & Gaillard

**WINEGROWER:** Jean-Michel Lapalu.

**AERA UNDER VINE:** 173 ac / 70 ha.

**TERROIR****LOCATION:**

Located in Bégadan a few kilometres from the Gironde estuary. Altitude of 65,6 Ft.

**SOIL TYPE:**

Clay limestone soil with a fractured limestone bedrock enabling the vine roots to deeply penetrate the soil and draw nutrients and water, even during the height of the summer.

**CLIMATE:**

Temperate and oceanic climate: Average temperature of 20°C. Relatively cool in winter, enabling the vegetation to rest, and warm in summer. Ideal for bringing Cabernet Sauvignon to optimal maturity.

Annual rainfall: 575mm

**HUMAN HANDS:**

**Grape varieties:** 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot.

**Alcohol content:** 12,5% by vol.

**Age of the vines:** 40 years old.

**Plantation density:** 8,500 vines / hectare.

**Yield:** 50 hectolitres / hectare.

**VITICULTURE:** Integrated viticulture with natural grass cover and mechanical ploughing of the top soil.

**HARVESTING:**

Hand harvesting at optimal maturity, controlled by analyses and tastings on every parcel, 2 to 3 times weekly.

**Date of harvesting:**

28 september.

**Method of selection:**

Hand & Mechanical sorting

**VINIFICATION:**

Cement and heat-controlled stainless steel tanks. Maceration for 3 to 4 weeks.

**Type of pressing:**

Pneumatic with selection of the first and second press juices.

**Type of yeast:**

Selected yeasts.

**Temperature:**

Average of 25°C.

**Pumping over:**

2 times daily for 10 days.

**Malolactic fermentation:**

In heat controlled stainless steel tanks.

**Fining:** Egg white or gelatin

**MATURING:**

In stainless steel tank.

**BOTTLING:**

Estate bottled with filtration (cellulose plate filters).

**TASTING:**

**Colour:** Grenat.

**Bouquet:** Fruity and slightly woody.

**Palate:** Round and seductive.