



PRESENTATION :

The Estate traces back its origins to 1719, but it's really in 1838 that Henry Delarozé, then mayor of Saint-Laurent, establishes a vineyard on one of the most ancient gravel beds of the Medoc. In 1884 Count Ernest de Lahens presides over the destiny of an Estate encompassing 300 hectares and oversees the construction of Château de Trintaudon and its tower; almost a lighthouse overlooking an ocean of vineyards. During its long history the Estate was acquired by a Spanish nobleman: Duc Del Infentado, subsequently by the Forner Family, then owner of Château Camensac and Marques de Caceres. In 1986, Assurances Générales de France (Allianz) purchased the Estate, one of the largest of the Medoc by its surface area and total production; a well renowned property recognized the world over as a top quality Cru Bourgeois.

THAT VINTAGE :

A later than usual harvest due to a bitter cold winter and lower yields due to torrential rains during grape flowering and by drought conditions thereupon. Perfect ripeness was reached thanks to exceptional climatic conditions in September and October. The wines are massive yet fresher than in 2009 because of cooler temperatures.

HARVEST START DATE : 30th of September

VINEYARD :

- 190 hectares of vineyards.
- **Soil :** Fine gravels, sandy gravels and clayish limestone soil.
- **Planting density :** 6,600 vines per hectare.
- **Average age** of vines : 28 years old.

GRAPE VARIETALS :

- 60% **Cabernet Sauvignon** bringing structure, fragrance and fruit.
- 40% **Merlot** bringing roundness and body.

VINIFICATION :

Classic three week initial fermentation.
Aged in oak barrels for 12 to 14 months.

TASTING NOTES :

Deep ruby colour, very dense. Nose of cinnamon, sweet spices, black cherry. Crunchy fresh black fruit on the palate with very good controlled power. The tannic structure remains caressing, smooth and very long. A great vintage for ageing, the likes of which are few in a lifetime!
To be decanted 1 hour before tasting
Enjoy from now until 2025/2027

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