

# CHÂTEAU DAUZAC

## 2020

MARGAUX

GRAND CRU CLASSE 1855

Meticulous choices regarding ripeness and a carefully controlled extraction process enable the 2020 vintage to express all its elegance and flavour.

The months of March and April were quite mild, encouraging dynamic, early budburst about two weeks ahead of time. Mechanical soil tillage in the spring stimulated the vine to develop its root system in depth, allowing the plant to resist drought. An essential agronomical factor this year that enabled well-structured ripeness. Flowering occurred between May 25th and June 1st. The warm, dry summer which followed led to excellent grape ripeness. The lack of rainfall brought about a slight water deficit, a situation that created natural concentration with ripeness evolving nicely until harvest time. The use of biodynamic preparations in the vineyards allowed the vine to face the summer's high temperatures and drought in good conditions. For the Merlot grapes, harvesting began on September 10th, ending on September 17th. We were seeking fruit and complexity. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked from September 21st to the 30th, before the weather conditions deteriorated. Fermentation with gentle pumping over favoured the extraction of subtle, complex tannins. The extra special care given to the press wine was essential for elaborating the blend.

### Tasting comments

With its deep colour – a sign of an anthocyanin-rich wine – the 2020 vintage is subtly rich with a pleasant tension that characterises great vintages.

### Ageing potential

At its best between 5 and 20 years of age, can keep up to 20-30 years.



**Blend:** 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot

**Growing surface area:** 42 hectares

**Soil type:** deep, gravelly hilltops

**Rootstocks:** 101-14, Riparia Gloire and 3309

**Fertiliser:** organic

**Plant density:** 10,000 vine stocks per hectare

**Average age of vines:** 35-40 yrs. old

**Estate varietal planting:** 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 2% Petit-Verdot

**Type of pruning:** double Guyot system with de-budding

**Harvesting:** by hand in small bins and table sorting before and after destemming

**Vinification:** use of a gravity-flow cellar to supply the fermenting room

**Fermentation:** in wooden casks with dual transparent staves having allowed us to rethink our method of pumping-over and optimise macerations. Fermentation temperature: 28°C

**Malolactic:** yes

**Fining:** if needed, with plant proteins

**Ageing:** 100% in French oak barrels (of which 66% are new) for 15 months with racking, depending on tasting results

**Alcohol content:** 14% vol.

- 100%-VEGAN certified wine production -

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### Tasting notes

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