

CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

2008

HARVEST DATES :

from October 1st to October 18th (14 days)

AREA UNDER VINE :

105 ha

FINAL BLEND :

47% Cabernet Sauvignon

51% Merlot

1% Cabernet Franc

1% Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION :

37500 cases

(yield 43,5 hl/ha)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The growing season this year was marked by cool temperatures and fairly constant humidity, with the accompanying risk of mildew.

Bud break occurred on about the 17th of March in the first Merlot vines and flowering was satisfactory, despite instances of coulure (shot berries) among old Merlot vines.

Peak colour change took place on about the 15th of August, suggesting that the harvest would be approximately 10 days later than average.

In light of the late-ripening characteristics of this vintage, we practised green harvesting on Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, as well as young Merlot vines. We also thinned bunches of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes to avoid picking underripe fruit. Leaf thinning was done throughout the entire vineyard.

This harvest was spread over a 3-week period. Mechanical harvesting of Merlot began on the 1st of October and finished on the 7th of October.

After the manual harvesting of some Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot grapes on the 11th of October, most of the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked from the 13th to the 19th of that month. Thanks to meticulous work in the vineyard all year long, the grapes were perfectly ripe and healthy.

The Merlot grapes featured good extractability and colour. The resulting wine is very dark in colour, full-bodied, and well-structured. The Cabernet Sauvignon wines are also of very good quality, but with lower yields than we had expected. Likewise deeply-coloured, these wines are fruity and flavoursome, without any herbaceousness.

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TASTING NOTES : CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT 2008

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Score : 86 / 88

“Medium red. Effusively fruity nose redolent of ripe strawberry and spicecake. Ripe and soft on entry, but with plenty of acidity to frame and lift the ripe red fruit flavors. Finishes a tad warm but with smooth tannins and a late spicy kick. A highly enjoyable wine that should be very easy to drink.”

Ian D'Agata

THE WINE REVIEW - April 2009

“Pink guava-ish nose. Red plum fruit with soft tannins. Fresh and elegant. Medium-ish-bodied. Beaumont, owned by the same French insurance company, as Château Beychevelle, both wines represent great value-for-money and are utterly delicious to drink.”

Poh Tiong