

CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

2012

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

The first three months of 2012 saw a major water deficit and drought was predicted. A rainy April just before hot weather in May allowed for **rapid growth** of the vines. June was a little cooler and rainier than average. July, August and September saw high overall temperatures, which favoured ripening.

THE VINEYARD

2012 and the month of April in particular highlighted the performance of the good growers, as mildew was on the starting blocks! Precise leaf removal defeated the botrytis. The harvest was **extremely healthy**.

THE HARVEST

We harvested from 1 to 13 October over the equivalent of 8.5 days.

Area in production: 93.70 ha. The characteristics of this vintage are the **generous alcohol degrees** with good levels of total acidity, promising good balance for the 2012!

BLENDS

	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Petit verdot
Château Beaumont	53%	47%	0%
Château D'Arvigny	55%	40%	5%

The Merlots are very dark, almost black, fleshy with smooth tannins. The Cabernet Sauvignons have great depth with very indulgent fruit.

The Petit Verdots, despite being very fruity and charming, did not have sufficient structure to make it into the blend for the first wine of Beaumont.

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Generous, fruity and complex on the nose. A **silky attack** on the palate with a tannic structure present, all in **balance**. The lightly oaky fruit aromas are **very elegant** and contribute to the long **aromatic finish**.