

## 2009 vintage

2009 was the first vintage to bear the Hubert de Boüard hallmark and it will go down in the history of the estate. July and August were magnificent, hot but not excessively so and with just the right amount of rainfall. These perfect weather conditions continued into September and October, with a succession of cool nights and hot days.

These dream conditions allowed harvesting to be timed to perfection, with grapes picked from each plot just as they reached peak maturity.

The wines have a beautiful, very intense colour. On the palate they are full-bodied, pure and juicy, with a very long finish. They express vigour and style.

Varieties: 58% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot.

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Location: Cussac-Fort-Médoc district, a few hundred metres from the Gironde estuary.

Terroir: Garonne gravel.

Area: 77 hectares, of which 67 are planted with vines.

Average age of vine: 25 years.

Yield: 45 hl/ha.

Cultivation: Supervised control, Double Guyot pruning, debudding, leaf stripping, grass planting according to plot and green harvesting.

Vinification in thermoregulated stainless steel vats.

Ageing: 12 to 18 months in barrels (30% new wood).

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Owner: Cognac H. Mounier & Cognac Hardy.

Winemaker: Hubert de Boüard de Laforest.

Managing director: Laurent Mery.