



2014 VINTAGE

The Climate

2014 was marked by an extraordinary Indian summer that saved the vintage. Fine spring weather was conducive to a good start to the growing season. However, challenging summer conditions seriously slowed down ripening. Fortunately, the month of September was absolutely beautiful, with dry, extremely sunny weather accompanied by highs of close to 30°C. This superb weather, with cool night-time temperatures, enabled the grapes to ripen beautifully, and they were able to be brought into the vat house having reached a perfect level of ripeness.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates:	From September 11 th to October 10 th
Blend:	Merlot Noir : 50 % ; Cabernet Sauvignon : 39 % ; Cabernet Franc : 11 %.
Yield:	42.9 hl / ha
Percentage of Production:	54%
New barrels:	70%
Alcohol:	14.25% (temporary)
Bottling date:	Still Ageing
Production :	10800 cases of 12 bottles (estimation).

Tasting Notes

The truly beautiful bouquet has notes of black fruit such as blackberry and blackcurrant along with empyreumatic overtones. The wine shows smooth, well-structured tannin on the palate, combining power and elegance from the beginning to the end.

Quelques notes et commentaires

James Molesworth – Wine Spectator.com : 95-98 / 100

Features a youthfully muscular edge, but remains elegant despite the heft, with a core of plum, red currant and raspberry fruit, guided by supple tannins and backed by subtle tobacco and spice hints. A light bay thread chimes in on the finish, while a juniper detail adds a pleasant underpinning. Displays admirable concentration, but this will need time to soak up its élevage, as it is always one of the more backward wines of the spring tastings.

James Suckling – James Suckling.com : 95-96 / 100

Dense and tight now with blackberries, blueberries, iodine, minerals and currants. Full-bodied, firm and closed, yet there's a persistence and length that is most impressive. Polished and very classy.

Tim Atkin – Tim Atkin.com : 96 / 100

Serena Sutcliffe – MW

A real woodsmoke and Havanas nose with huge complexity and dimension denoting true concentration on the vine. A fabulous mouthful of gummy black and red fruit, Cohiba flavours and ripe tannins. This reaches every corner of the palate with a texture of velvet curtains and a finish of the finest cigarboxes. An absolute star.

Michel Bettane + Thierry Desseauve – Mybettanedesseauve : 97 / 100

Une très importante proportion de merlot, mais on comprend le choix tant ce vin domine l'appellation par sa richesse de constitution, sa tenue de bouche et la fermeté de son tannin laissant présager une longue garde. Forte teneur en alcool.