## 2012

## Harvest date

Merlot:

from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon: from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

## Blend and comments of tasting

50% Cabernet Sauvignon 50% Merlot

\* The colour is deep purple.

The wine is neat and simple.

Before stirring: aromas of fresh rose and cherry with notes of black pepper are displayed.

After stirring: these aromas neatly gain in strength.

The attack is straightforward.

The wine is blessed with a silky structure and is smooth on the palate.

The finish is very long and tasty.

\*{Wait until 2017 before sampling the wine, an aging potential up to 2022.

## Weather

★ Winter is very wet and spring will be even wetter. Sub-soils are rebuilding their reduced water stock of the last few years. The plant grows fast after winter and work is done very quickly. Then it dallies during April, May and June. There is a delay. July, in turn, is wet and it may trigger cryptogamic diseases, but fortunately the delay has shortened. August is beautiful and warm and it regulates the situation. A nice, dry weather carries on until September. At last, the homogeneity of the wine grape takes place. But the phenological time-lag is there and we must now be patient, worried as we become due to a series of warm nights and wet days. All risk is taken to ensure optimum maturity. Rot is spared and we end up quite serene on the whole.