



# 2003 Vintage - Prestige blend

# Tasting: (April 2012)

A nice and steady partridge-eye color and tile-red shades

A complex nose where toasted notes mix with smells of cooked fruit, pastry notes and overall very pleasurable

Tannins but no austerity, quite sugary at first and a good lengthy final taste Open 1 hour before drinking

# Vineyard:

Siliceous-clayey soil 20.5 hectares planted 65 % Merlot, 30 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 % Cabernet Franc Vine-plants 23 years old on average Density of planting: 4500 plants per hectare

# Cultivation and harvesting

Pruning: "guyot double" method Thinning out of the leaves side after side after the "nouaison" Removing green bunches of grapes at the end of the "veraison" Mechanical grape-picking between the 17th and the 29th of September

# Winemaking and maturing

Complete destalking

Sorting of the grapes on the conveyor belt

Fermentation: 18 days at a temperature between 24 and 30 degrees

Carbonic maceration: 4 weeks

Maturing: 12 months in French oak barrels

Slight fining

#### Production:

24 000 bottles

## Other wine available:

Château Maison Noble (Traditional)

## Awards:

Excellence trophy at the "citadelles du vin" contest

