



# TECHNICAL SHEET VINTAGE 2012

*May was mixed. June saw a return of the rain. This caused some disruption to flowering.*

*July alternated fine and overcast weather. August was dry and the grapes began to ripen, developing flavour during September ("août fait le moût, septembre le goût"); the harvests were late in 2012, by which time the grapes presented a good tannic structure.*

*At Desmirail the harvests began on 5 October (Sainte Fleur) and finished on 22nd (Sainte Elodie). The much-awaited rain came on 23 September, giving the grapes a little more juice.*

*However, we had to take great care not to damage the grapes during picking.*

*The weather in October confirmed that we made the right decision investing in a new sorting machine for the 2012 vintage.*

*And the first tastings appeared to suggest that the investment was worthwhile. This was confirmed at the blending stage.*

## HARVEST

From October 5<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

## BOTTLING

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## DEGREE

12%

## BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon : 46%

Merlot : 54%

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