

CHATEAU DE MILLERY



2020

After a remarkably rainy autumn in 2019, the winter months were warm and dry. Mild temperatures continued through a wet spring which replenished water reserves. Flowering took place in optimal conditions in hot, dry weather, again two weeks early, making 2020 one of the most precocious vine cycles on record. Subsequent cool, rainy spells in April and May increased disease pressure.

The summer was dry with several heatwaves; highs reached over 40°C. 54 days, June 19th to August 11th, saw only 6.5mm of rain. Good canopy management choices (light de-leafing, superficial ploughing, and careful green harvesting) enabled each plot to advance comfortably through its vegetative cycle.

The ripening process in August took place in ideal weather conditions: high temperatures, long periods of sunshine and cooler nights than in July. This sped up the accumulation of sugars in the pulp and anthocyanins in the skins, while at the same time slowing the decomposition of acids.



Harvest

September 16th

Blend

95 % Merlot
5 % Cabernet Franc

Ageing

12 months in 100 %
new oak barrels