

Château Petit-Village

POMEROL

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Château Petit-Village is located on the highest part of the magnificent Pomerol plateau, on deep gravel and clay soils in the heart of the appellation. The vineyard in a single plot is shaped like a triangle and well situated to produce high quality wines typical of this exceptional terroir.

Our Grand Vin Château Petit-Village expresses the successful blend of the Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet-Sauvignon grape varieties.

Blend

72 % Merlot
20 % Cabernet Franc
8 % Cabernet-Sauvignon

Ageing

40% in new barrels
60% from barrels of one vintage, for 15 months

Vintage conditions

2018 was a challenging year with outstanding results.

After a winter with temperatures slightly below the ten-year average and regular rainfall between December and March (just over 500mm), rainy weather continued in March with lower than average temperatures.

Bud break started late, around April 10th, with consistent budding. Flowering started rather early, around May 25th for the Merlots, and took place rapidly. The spring and early summer of 2018 were among the most difficult that we have ever had to face. All weather conditions seemed to be perfectly aligned for a devastating and prolonged attack of mildew; however, once this very alarming early part of the year had passed, much more beneficial conditions prevailed.

The onset of veraison was observed on July 23rd in our Merlot plots, a few days earlier than in 2017. On the other hand this phase took longer due to the summer drought. The vineyard's water reserves allowed maturity of the tannins to develop well, despite the water shortage of previous months. Thanks to hot days and cooler nights the conditions for ripening were ideal.

With ideal weather conditions, the harvest took place smoothly from September 19th to October 1st, with a total of 6 days of harvesting.

Tasting note

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"Château Petit-Village 2018 unveils, at first glance, a bright, ruby colour. The very expressive nose reveals notes of blackberries, cherries, and licorice which finishes with a floral touch of violettes. The palate is perfectly balanced with silky tannins. Its finish is long and savory with an aromatic return of dark fruits." Diana Berrouet, Technical Director

