



# Château Montrose

## Vintage 2017

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### Main characteristics of the vintage

The year started with a mild and dry winter, marked by 2 weeks of cold at the end of January. The temperatures remained mild in the spring, allowing uniform bud burst as from 29 March. An early vintage seemed likely, but the growth cycle slowed down at the end of April under the influence of cooler temperatures. The Gironde estuary then played its essential role of thermal regulator during the 3 consecutive days of frost, which spared our vineyard.

The summer-like conditions in May and June favoured uniform flowering. (Full flowering on 29 May).

The vine calmly continued its development, without any particular pressure from disease, an undeniable advantage in the management of our 45 hectares under organic viticulture.

The rainy spell at the end of June led to the start of veraison on 21 July. After a dry and temperate summer, the September rains accelerated the ripening process. Full ripeness of the 4 grape varieties was therefore achieved in a very short time.

Harvest took place under ideal conditions. The team of around a hundred pickers worked within the plots, in a very smoothly run operation.

This precision work was reflected in the cellar, recently equipped with more than 90 small-capacity vats. Extraction was gentle and maceration slightly shorter than last year.

For our blends, we have a rich aromatic palette of 82 batches of classic free-run wines, fully expressing their terroir, along with 9 batches of press wine giving us the possibility to adjust the tannic density of our wines with extreme precision.

The climate of 2017 was particularly favourable for our Cabernet Sauvignons. This year they make up 76% of the Grand Vin blend, giving this vintage a very classic profile.

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### Period of harvest

From September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>

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### Blending

Cabernet Sauvignon : 76%, Merlot : 20%, Cabernet Franc : 3%, Petit Verdot : 1%

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### Tasting notes

The colour is deep and shiny.

The complex nose has a beautiful aromatic intensity of raspberry, blackberry, blackcurrant and black cherry accompanied by floral and mineral notes.

The powerful and balanced structure reveals the purity of the fruit.

The mouth, full and elegant, is marked by the persistence of a juicy fruit and reveals supple and mellow tannins.

A vintage that perfectly reflects the signature of its terroir and has a very good ageing potential.