



## Château Mouton Rothschild.

### VINTAGE 2009

#### CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

Nature was particularly kind in 2009, providing conditions that favoured the vegetation cycle and helped the grapes to reach full maturity.

Winter was a little colder than usual, though in the period to March the region had 204 hours of sunshine more than the average for the last thirty years.

April was very wet and May often stormy. Flowering took place rapidly and evenly around 5 June.

Summer set in from mid-June, bringing remarkable levels of sunshine and little rainfall. The very fine weather and high level of hydric stress, barely alleviated by a few showers, enabled the grapes to ripen slowly to full maturity. Temperatures in August were 1.4° C higher than the average. The ideal weather continued into September as cool nights alternated with hot days.

The weather, encouraging the concentration of aromas and flavours and the accumulation of anthocyanins, brought the crop to harvest in perfect condition.

Picking began with the Merlot on 23 September and ended with the Cabernet Sauvignon on 6 October. The grapes were extremely healthy, containing plenty of sugar, colour and fruit and showing exceptional potential. 2009 will undoubtedly go down as a vintage to match the finest.

#### HARVEST

From 23 September to 13 October.

#### VARIETAL MIX

88% Cabernet Sauvignon  
12% Merlot

#### TASTING NOTES

The wine has a very deep, almost black colour with glittering highlights. The stylish and complex nose offers a wide array of aromas, bilberry, blackcurrant and blond tobacco mingling with subtle cedarwood and spice. The palate immediately shows all the wine's density and refinement: very forward ripe fruit flavours are perfectly integrated with patrician, well-rounded tannins, revealing remarkable structure and balance. The opulent and long finish confirms the very great success of this Mouton Rothschild, no effort having been spared to enable the wine to fully express the exceptional qualities of the 2009 vintage.



*The label of the 2009 vintage is illustrated by an original artwork by the artist Anish Kapoor.*



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