

Château Sociando-Mallet 2013 Haut-Médoc



Vineyard:

83 hectares in production

"Terroir" of gravel and clay over a clay-limestone sub-soil. Grape varieties: 53% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Average age of the vines: 40 years Density of plantation: 8 333 plants /ha

Vine growing methods and harvesting:

Low Guyot pruning Traditional ploughing Reasoned soil improvement No spraying against Botrytis No green harvests nor leaves removal.

Average Yield: 28 hl/ha.

Vinification and ageing:

Manual harvesting in small crates, from September 30^{th} to October 12^{th} , with sorting of the grapes before and after de-stemming.

Classical wine making in lined concrete and stainless steel vats, temperature-controlled.

Malolactic fermentation in vats, without addition of lactic bacterium.

Ageing in 100% new oak barrels during 12 months.

Racking every 6 months, by the plug. No fining of the wine. No filtration.

James Suckling: 90-91 Bettane et Desseauve: 90 Wine Spectator: 87-90 Decanter: 16,75

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