

Château Palmer

1989

1989 is one of the great vintages of Château Palmer, perfectly balanced and exquisitely detailed. It is a wine that can be described as cerebral. It is less exuberant than the 1983 or 1990. Its nose is a little reserved and slightly floral. It has a nice acidity that prolongs the wine. In January, the weather was quite foggy and temperatures were mild. February was colder with a record drought for the month. March was truly beautiful and spring-like. The vines started to grow on 20th and progressed rapidly, ten days earlier than an average year. Flowering took place in May under a warm climate thus accelerating the development of vegetation. The first flowers appeared on 22nd. In June, temperatures continued to rise. The vines were beautiful and grains formed on 9th. A persistent drought allowed the berries to grow quickly. July and August, beautiful, although too hot at times, were blessed with local rain showers, bringing sufficient water to the thirsty vines. We noted the first grain alterations on July 16th. A bit of rain early September made harvesting dates

complicated to decide upon, especially for the Cabernet Sauvignon, whose elevated sugar levels overtook that of the polyphenols. The alcoholic and tannic riches were very high whilst acidity levels were low. The tannins were ripe and blended. The wines are fleshy, full-bodied and powerful yet supple. 1989 is definitely an exceptional vintage that needs to be kept.

BLEND

MERLOT 41%
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 52%
CABERNET FRANC 1%
PETIT VERDOT 6%

HARVEST DATES

06/09/1989 TO 23/09/1989

AGEING POTENTIAL

READY TO DRINK BUT CAN BE KEPT A FEW MORE YEARS