

Château Palmer

1984

A complicated flowering period and terrible weather during the harvest explain the mediocrity of this vintage. The year started with a deplorable January, packed with storms and rain. A cold but beautiful month of February followed on and March and April were cool but wet. These elements slowed down the vegetation process. The vines started to develop, later than usual, on April 10th. The rest of the month was beautiful and unusually hot. However, the vines grew slowly in May due to the wet weather that continued on until June 5th. Things improved over the month and we were blessed with a fortnight of glorious weather: flowering was overly rapid. All of a sudden, a drop in temperatures caused millerandage, that is to say the termination or the incomplete development of the berries. The Merlot were the most affected of the different grape varieties. A small harvest was predicted. Warm, dry weather set in at the beginning of July and continued on until September

13th. Grape maturity was unsettled due to two rainy periods from 14th to 18th and from 21st to 24th. Harvesting began in October, at the time of the hurricane, Hortense, (which caused little damage), before the weather improved. Due to all of these particularly negative elements, the 1984 vintage was not one that needed to be kept aside for long.

BLEND

MERLOT 27%

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 65%

CABERNET FRANC 6%

PETIT VERDOT 2%

HARVEST DATES

03/10/1984 TO 13/10/1984

AGEING POTENTIAL

MATURE, READY TO DRINK