

Château Palmer

1978

1978 is the year of miracles! It began with a cold winter and mixed weather in March. The vines started to grow around March 27th. At the beginning of April, the weather was quite good but the nights were chilly and the vines struggled. On the night of 16th, the vineyard and, more specifically, the Merlot plots, were hit by frost. Vegetation was set back by almost two weeks. Cold temperatures and rain in May and June slowed down growth. Full bloom was recorded on June 19th. Although temperatures were low, the lowest for thirty years for June, the vines survived. Nature is really unpredictable. The next two months continued on at the same pace and a late and not very encouraging harvest was planned. Ripening began around August 15th. After some rain in early September, an anticyclone settled on the south of France until mid-November, thus saving the vintage. Picking began on

October 9th under fine conditions. It really is a miraculous vintage as the grapes were mature, the degrees elevated and the acidity pleasing. The wines are particularly fine and elegant, well balanced and perfectly concentrated.

BLEND

MERLOT 40%
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 53%
CABERNET FRANC 5%
PETIT VERDOT 2%

HARVEST DATES

09/10/1978 TO 19/10/1978

AGEING POTENTIAL

READY TO DRINK BUT CAN BE KEPT A FEW
MORE YEARS