

# Château Palmer

## 1971



1971 reflects a moment of grace in a contrasting vintage. After a cold winter, the start of spring was promising. The vines began to grow on April 12th. Thanks to the elevated temperatures, they developed at an incredible speed. Wet and cold weather came on April 22nd and continued on until the end of June thus disrupting the flowering process. Ongoing rain resulted in a lack of flower fertilization and the harvest was therefore reduced by almost half. July and August were more lenient. The summer months were hot with just enough showers to help the berries to swell. Thankfully, despite the irregularities during the flowering period, maturation unfolded in good conditions. Fine weather allowed for harvesting at optimum maturity. The wines are supple and fruity with ripe tannins. Although 1971 was a complicated vintage at Château

Palmer, it held some pleasant surprises. It portrays its finesse and elegance with great precision. It is full-bodied without being exuberant. Its finish is incredibly well balanced.

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### **BLEND**

MERLOT 45%

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 38%

CABERNET FRANC 9%

PETIT VERDOT 8%

### **HARVEST DATES**

30/09/1971 TO 13/10/1971

### **AGEING POTENTIAL**

MATURE, READY TO DRINK

